

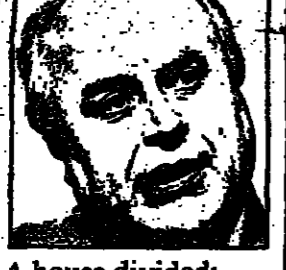
World rallies to assistance of Cameroon

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent.

More than 1,500 people are now known to have been killed in the Cameroon volcanic gas disaster...

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Two readers shared the £12,000 prize yesterday in The Times Portfolio Gold competition...

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Chernobyl plant may never reopen

From Pearce Wright, Science Editor, Vienna

The Chernobyl nuclear power station may never be reopened. The first hint of this came from Professor Valery Legasov...



Flowers for the Princess of Wales, in a two-piece green woolen suit yesterday, when she visited Raxburgh House, Dundee, a hospice for cancer sufferers.

Petrol rise of 5p may not be last

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

BP and Esso have dashed the Government's hopes of a continuing brake on petrol prices with a 5p increase in the cost of a gallon from midnight...

Floods and gales wreak havoc across Britain

By Trudi McIntosh

The tail end of Hurricane Charley brought torrential rain, widespread flooding and gales to many areas of Britain and Northern Ireland yesterday.

Thatcher given warning on use of US bases

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Opposition leaders urged the Prime Minister yesterday to veto any use of United States bases in Britain for launching any second bombing raid on Libya.

Envoy's mission to gain allies backing

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The United States is sending a top official to Europe to warn US allies that Libya is preparing a new round of terrorist actions...



Armed robber in house siege evades police

A gunman who bungled a robbery attempt on a Bristol building society was being hunted last night after a police siege lasting more than four hours.

TCCB take no action over Viv Richards

The Test and County Cricket Board have taken no action over Vivian Richards, the West Indian captain...

US prime rate hits nine-year low

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The cost of borrowing fell in the United States yesterday when leading banks reduced their prime lending rates from 8 to 7.5 per cent...

Olivia Channon leaves fortune of £541,959

By Craig Seton

Olivia Channon, the daughter of her modern history final examinations at a party where she was believed to have taken drugs.

Miss Channon, who was at St Hilda's College, Oxford, was known by close friends to have had an annual allowance of about £25,000...

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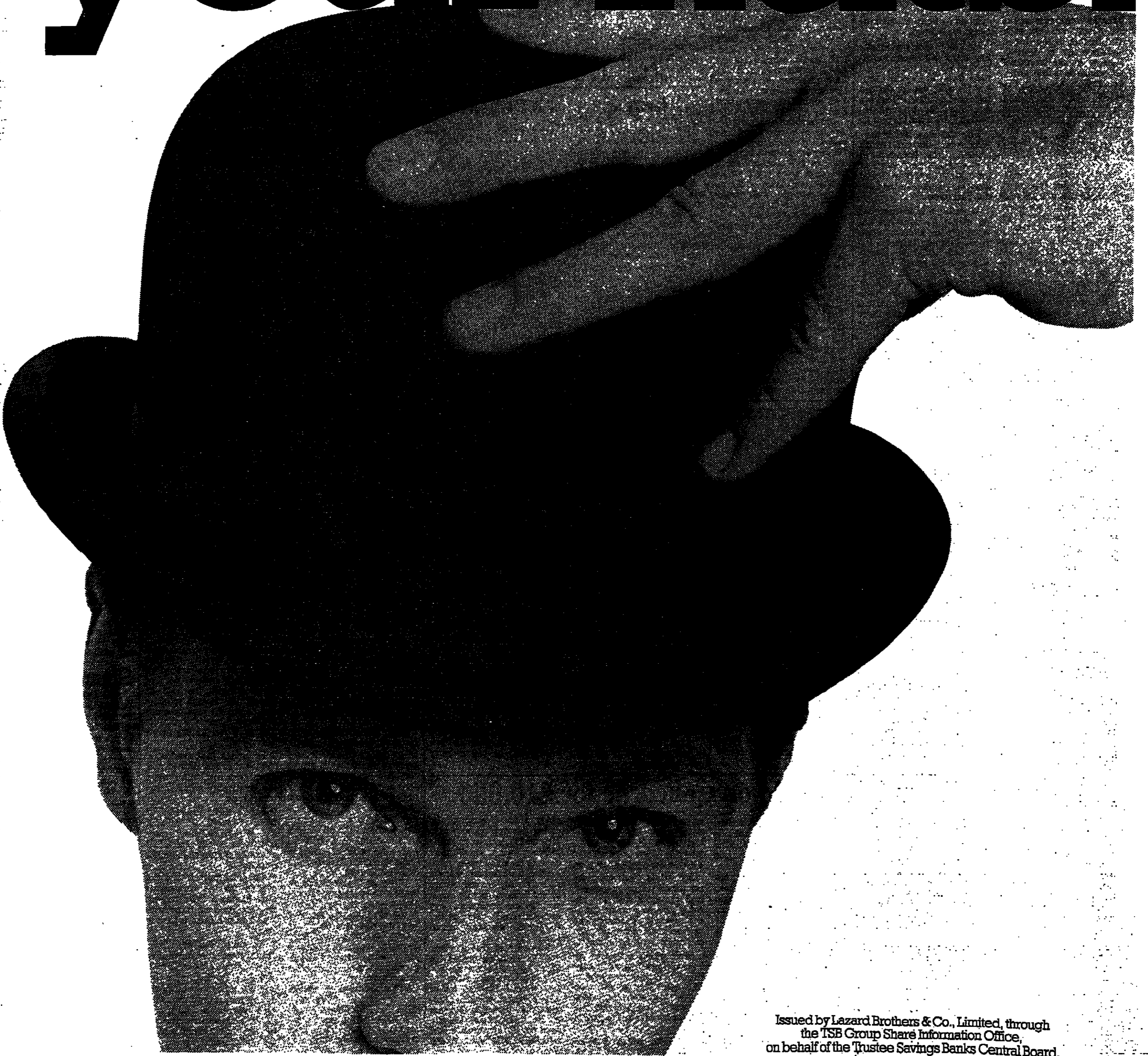
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Successful Peres visit to West Africa

Cameroon and Israel renew diplomatic ties after 13-year silence

Yaoundé (Reuters) — Israel and Cameroon restored relations yesterday after a 13-year official silence. The two sides decided to renew diplomatic relations...

Syria fears Gadaffi might provoke another US raid

The combined "Sea Winds" manoeuvres of the Egyptian Navy and a US naval battle group in the Mediterranean brought a noisy, if typical, appeal from Libya...

Sikhs held over killing of general

Delhi — India's Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has detained two Sikhs from Goa, two from Pune, and two from Nagpur...

Chirac fury at French fire-fighting system

Paris — In an unexpected visit to fire-devastated areas of the south of France yesterday, M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, roundly condemned France's fire-fighting system...

M Chirac singled out for particular criticism the system of communications used. "It is altogether paradoxical that a country which has developed the Rita communications system...

Four people have died and 35 have been badly injured in horrendous fires which have devastated more than 21,000 acres of brush and woodland...

All were reported to have been brought under control yesterday. Rain is now forecast for the area.

18 die as Sri Lankan peace talks continue

Colombo (Reuters) — At least 18 people have been killed in separatist violence in Sri Lanka as peace talks continued between the Government and Tamil moderates...

They were among a group attending a funeral who were confronted by security forces after the landing explosion...

Mr Donald Mendis, the Batticaloa security forces commander, said police commandos arrested several people. "Those missing could well be among them."

Roberto Radtke, a 19-year-old German, accused of starting one of the fires...



Mr Stanley Hinrichsen, aged 52, with his wife, Renate, and their babies, South Africa's first test-tube quadruplets. Mr Hinrichsen was murdered by intruders at his luxury home in Cape Town on Monday night (AP reports).

Pretoria stops lorry searches

Johannesburg (Reuters) — South Africa said yesterday that it was halting from today border searches of traffic carrying exports from Zimbabwe and Zambia.

Customs officers began time-consuming inspections of exports from Zambia and Zimbabwe that cross South Africa three weeks ago.

The Foreign Minister, Mr R. F. "Pik" Botha, said in a parliamentary reply yesterday that Pretoria had from time to time held discussions with Zimbabwe on the effect sanctions would have on South Africa's neighbours.

Gunmen wearing badges of the ruling Jatiyo Party threw out opposition supporters and took over polling stations in Dhaka as violence yesterday marred by-elections to fill eight seats in the 330-member Bangladesh Parliament...

Violence mars Bangladesh polling

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg. On August 26, 1966, South African helicopters spotted a guerrilla training camp in the dry and dusty Namibian bush...

Non-Aligned deliberations begin Apartheid at top of draft agenda

The eighth conference of the Non-Aligned Movement opened yesterday, with senior officials meeting to prepare the agenda.

The officials will recommend an agenda and political and economic declarations to be studied tomorrow by foreign ministers of the 101 member states and by their leaders next Monday.

The Iranian delegate, the first to take the floor in the gaudy Yugoslav-built conference hall, sought an amendment to include "non-aggression as a means of resolving international disputes."

More rivers of blood ahead in Africa's forgotten war

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Nuclear fear hits Poland's tourism

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Basque attack misses convoy

Madrid — Civil Guard policemen in the Spanish Basque country escaped serious injury in terrorist bomb attempts for the second day in succession yesterday (Harry Debelius writes).

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Spanish atom power plant closed down

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Cautious SDP leader seeks to satisfy party critics

Rau promises to get rid of US missiles and nuclear energy

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

Herr Johannes Rau, the Social Democratic Party (SPD) candidate for Chancellor in the West German general election in January, in the most detailed statement of his policies so far, promised yesterday that as Chancellor he would seek the removal of US missiles from his country, end the agreement with the US over the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) and phase out nuclear energy.

Herr Rau was addressing the party conference at Nuremberg. He spoke for 90 minutes and received an ovation long enough—about four minutes—to satisfy the party managers. They are hoping that the entire conference will be a demonstration to the country of the qualities of Herr Rau, who has had difficulty so far in making an impression on the country as a whole.

Behind the platform, for the sake of the television cameras, is a huge slogan-reading: "We Social Democrats. With Johannes Rau, a secure and social future for all."

Not all Social Democrats are in fact with him. Many suspect him of not being enthusiastic enough about getting rid of American missiles and ending nuclear energy. Their voices are expected to be heard in a debate on energy today and on defence tomorrow.

Herr Rau's speech yesterday appeared on the face of it to go a long way to satisfy them. But he linked his demand for the removal of the American cruise and Pershing missiles to a demand for the reduction of Soviet SS20 missiles in Eastern Europe.

He left it unclear whether

the one would be dependent on the other, or what he meant by "reduction" of SS20s. He also reaffirmed the SPD's commitment to Nato and to the United States as West Germany's most important ally—neither of which is of much interest to an increasing number in the SPD.

There is no doubt, however, that he meant precisely what he said about getting out of West German participation in SDI research.

Such a withdrawal has the support of the whole party and arouses little dispute in the moderate centre of West German politics.

On nuclear power, Herr Rau was again cautious. He devoted a lot of his policy to the issue, but his policy amounted to a cautious promise of more research into, and

investment in, alternative energy sources, and more use of domestic coal and of energy-saving.

Herr Rau sounded most confident on home economic issues. "We will make the battle against unemployment our most important task," he said. In a reference to the claim that there is simply no majority for the SPD in the country, he said: "A majority exists for a determined fight against unemployment and for the environmental renewal of our economy. This is the majority we must fight for."

His policy on unemployment included shorter working hours, using revenue from a tax levy on higher earners to subsidize jobs for the young, and a 10-year plan of public investment in improving the environment.

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Chancellor Kohl of West Germany (left) holding an umbrella summit with President Mitterrand of France as he welcomes him at Frankfurt airport. They then repaired to a secret venue for their talks yesterday, called at short notice by M Mitterrand (AP reports from Frankfurt). Officials refused to discuss the venue or the agenda, other than to say that the meeting was in south-west Germany and that journalists would be briefed later in Frankfurt.

Witnesses to burning of couple arrested

From Lake Sagaris Santiago

A Chilean military prosecutor has ordered the arrest and detention of three key witnesses in the case of the burning of Señor Rodrigo Rojas and Señora Carmen Quintana during protests against the military Government last month.

Señor Rojas, a US resident, died from his injuries and Señora Quintana is still fighting for her life.

The prosecutor ordered the arrests of Señora Quintana's sister, Emilia, and her husband, saying it was to ensure their appearance when cited. The couple has already testified voluntarily three times.

Their detentions followed Friday's arrest of another key witness, Señor Pedro Martínez, whose lawyers sought urgent medical attention for him after he appeared in the military court that afternoon in what one magazine called a "deplorable state".

Also on Friday, a fourth witness, Señor Jorge Sanhueza, was kidnapped and questioned for several hours.

Lawyers and relatives say the incidents are attempts to make witnesses change their testimonies that a military patrol deliberately set fire to the two.

Gulf states meet

Arab concern over widening of war

From Robert Fisk, Bahrain

Foreign and oil ministers of Arab Gulf states gathered in Saudi Arabia last night to discuss how they could best withstand Iranian threats and prevent a further widening of the Gulf War.

Their meeting, in the Saudi town of Abha, took place amid growing Arab fears that Iraq might stage another long-range air raid on Iran's oil terminal at Sirri Island or even against the newest Iranian oil loading facility at Larak Island.

Repeated Iranian assertions that a new offensive is about to be launched against Iraq have injected a sense of urgency into what would otherwise be a routine meeting of Gulf Co-operation Council Ministers from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Oman.

They are expected to produce a set of proposals for ending the six-year-old war which would be put before the Non-Aligned summit in Harare next week, even though Ayatollah Khomeini has said that only the overthrow of President Saddam Hussein of Iraq could bring about a cessation of hostilities.

Arab leaders in the Gulf are almost as anxious to prevent further Iraqi attacks on Sirri as are the Iranians; the Gulf states fear any escalation in the war, by whichever side,

since Iranian retaliation could always be directed against them.

Iranian warnings that Arab Gulf states could be harmed if they co-operated by refuelling Iraqi aircraft on long-range missions have been taken very seriously by the GCC.

Iraq's latest campaign against Iran's oil exports continued yesterday when a military spokesman in Baghdad announced that Iraqi jets had raided pumping stations at two oilfields in the Khuzestan province of Iran.

Only a few hours earlier it had become known that a Bahraini tug-boat, the Abu Adil, had been sunk by an Iraqi missile 70 miles south of the Iranian Kharg Island oil terminal with the loss of four of its crew.

The German captain and two Filipino deckhands survived the attack, which may have been directed at a super-tanker called the Mistra.

With his arm in a sling, Mr Juan Simoy, one of the two Filipino survivors, has described from his hospital bed in Bahrain how his four colleagues died trapped beneath the decks as the tug-boat sank.

"I was sleeping in my cabin because I was off duty," he said.

"I did not hear anything—the next thing I knew the cabin was full of smoke."

Bonn influx growing

Bonn—As the West German Cabinet met last night on the issue of asylum seekers, the Interior Ministry issued the latest figures on the mainly Third World citizens entering the country (Frank Johnson writes).

The figure for the first three weeks of August was 9,241,

almost the same as that for the whole of July (9,710).

Chancellor Kohl will report on the Cabinet meeting at a press conference today. His Government is expected to discuss the issue further at a meeting next month with the Länder (regional) governments

China 'largest supplier of weapons to Iran'

From Michael Binyon, Washington

China has become the largest supplier of weapons to Iran, US officials say. During the past six months it has delivered at least \$300 million (£200 million) worth of missiles and other military equipment.

The Reagan Administration is deeply concerned about this development, which it believes may decisively upset the balance in the Gulf War. Washington has been trying to persuade other governments not to give any arms to Iran, which it constantly accuses of intransigence and refusing to agree to a negotiated settlement with Iraq.

The Chinese are also reported to be preparing delivery of heavy tanks, a Chinese version of the MiG21 fighter and rocket launchers. The Washington Post said yesterday. However, Peking has denied any such arms sales, despite representations by Mr

Winston Lord, the US Ambassador in Peking.

China has informally told US officials that any arms it gives to Iran are justified because Tehran is using the weapons to aid the anti-Soviet guerrillas in Afghanistan. Washington does not accept this argument because of the type of heavy weaponry involved.

The six-year Gulf War will be among the topics discussed here today between senior US and Soviet officials, who are meeting to make preparations for the possible US-Soviet summit this year.

Mr Michael Aramocost, Under-Secretary of State for Political Affairs, is meeting Mr Anatoly Adamtschin, a senior Soviet Foreign Ministry official, to discuss regional issues, including the Middle East, Southern Africa and Central America.

Briton in court over 'coca tea'

New York (Reuters)—A British computer engineer charged with possession of a controlled substance—coca leaves, from which cocaine is made—thought he was taking Peruvian tea home, a court was told yesterday.

Mr Ashwani Korpak, aged 27, of Manchester, was arrested at Kennedy Airport on Sunday when he arrived on a flight from Peru, with the intention of continuing to England.

According to the authorities, he declared on an immigration form that he was carrying plant material, which he further described as tea leaves. Asked what kind of tea, he said coca tea, the court was told.

Under New York law, the possession of untreated coca leaves carries a mandatory prison term of at least three years.

In an unusual move, however, the prosecutor joined Mr Korpak's defence in asking that he be freed without bail pending action by a grand jury, which will decide whether he should be prosecuted and, if so, on what charges.

American 'helped in Iraq raid'

Tehran (Reuters)—Mr Jon Patts, an American detained for more than a month on espionage charges, provided information to help an Iraqi attack on an Iranian telecommunications centre, according to Tehran Radio.

It said yesterday that the Information Minister, Mr Muhammad Muhammadi Reyshahri, said that Mr Patts, aged 49, had used an Italian passport to work in Iran's main satellite ground station at Assadabad and had been in contact with the CIA.

"The evidence shows that he had a hand in relaying information to Iraq via the CIA for bombarding Assadabad installations," Mr Reyshahri said.

Iraqi jets attacked Assadabad in June and July, killing two workers and disrupting telephone and telegraph links.

Mr Reyshahri said that Mr Patts had given the CIA reports on the importance of Assadabad for Iran's communications and the problems of oil production in Iran.

Mr Patts's sister, Ellen, said in Aiken, South Carolina that he had spent most of his adult life working in Iran.



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Singapore share prices dip as judge passes sentence

Malaysian politician jailed for two years over company collapse

Singapore (Reuter) - Tan Koon Swan, the head of the Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA), which makes up a large part of the country's ruling National Front coalition, was jailed yesterday for two years over the collapse of Pan-Electric Industries, a leading Singapore company.

Mr Justice Lai Kew Chai said in passing sentence: "Public interest plainly requires that the accused should receive punishment which not only befits the crime but which should act as a deterrent to other persons who may be similarly disposed."

Supreme Corporation, an inactive mining company, and through shrewd stock market deals made it a leading conglomerate. After studying at the Harvard Business School in the US he returned to continue building his business empire, drawing into his network more Malaysian companies, a Singapore hotel and then Pan-Electric Industries.



Mr Tan leaving the Singapore High Court with Miss Penny Chang, his constant companion, after being jailed for his part in the collapse of Pan-Electric Industries.

Chun shuffles Cabinet after opposition attack

Seoul (Reuter) - President Chun Doo Hwan of South Korea reshuffled his Cabinet yesterday, following opposition demands that all ministers should resign for what were called misrule and lack of democracy.

Mr Lee Wong Hong was succeeded by Mr Lee Woong Hee, head of the private Munkwa Broadcasting Corporation. The NKDP had earlier demanded the dismissal of Mr Chong Suk Mo with the former Vice-Interior Minister, Mr Kim Chong Hoh.

Getting a taste of Chinese

Hong Kong (Reuter) - The world's leading chefs are here to taste the best of Chinese cookery and to decide whether it is dim sum, suckling pig or shark's fin soup which makes the cuisine so popular.

Ministers show their worth

Japanese ministers had their assets announced on television news last night. The veterans are used to this exposure, which comes with each new Cabinet, but for the newcomers it can be a bit of a shock.

From David Watts, Tokyo Tokyo, worth 1.2 billion yen (£5.2 million). The new Finance Minister, Mr Kiuchi Miyazawa, also felt he had a bit of explaining to do when the media confronted him with assets of 1,048 billion yen (£4.55 million).

He said his talks with Mr He said his talks with Mr

Divorce costs too remote

Pritchard v J. H. Cobden Ltd and Another. Before Lord Justice O'Connor, Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Sir Roger Ormrod. [Judgment given July 30]

Another house which had been bought for him out of the matrimonial fund was sold to the defendants. The judge then decided that as a result of the divorce the plaintiff had suffered damage which he assessed at £53,000 and he added that the sum awarded, making the defendants liable in the sum of £434,126.

That would not always be so. If the Queen's Bench action came on first the judge would find himself trying to foresee what a Family Division judge might decide several years later, if at all.

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personal injury litigation the considerations which were relevant to matrimonial relief. Their Lordships had also read the judgment of Sir Roger Ormrod and agreed with it.

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The mechanism for valuation of a company member's shares

Mr Simon Mortimore for the respondents; Mr Leslie G. Kosmin for the petitioner. MR JUSTICE HOFFMANN said the petitioner's company, with its electronic engineering business, having gone into receivership, was taken over by a new company in which the petitioner held 39 shares and T, a business associate, and his family, 61.

Equal treatment for foreign companies

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US envoy seeks to soothe Australian grain export fears

The strain in relations between Australia and the United States was the subject of talks between Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, and a Washington envoy yesterday, after Mr Hawke had delivered his heaviest broadside against US trade subsidies.

Hawke had been extensive and lively, and described the Prime Minister's earlier remarks as emotional - as he, too, had been when speaking to American producers. There was no certainty that the subsidized US wheat sales would go ahead, he said. Moscow was in no hurry to clinch a deal.

China coal export drive

Peking - China hopes to boost its coal export to Europe during its current five-year development plan (1986-1990), officials of the National Coal Import and Export Corporation said yesterday (Robert Graves writes).

China's total coal exports, could rise "by a big margin".

Aquino launches appeal to foreign investors

Singapore (Reuter) - President Aquino said here yesterday that the Philippines had greater financial leeway to stimulate its economy and was on the road to recovery.

After her luncheon speech, Mrs Aquino held talks with Mr Lee Kuan Yew, the Singaporean Prime Minister.

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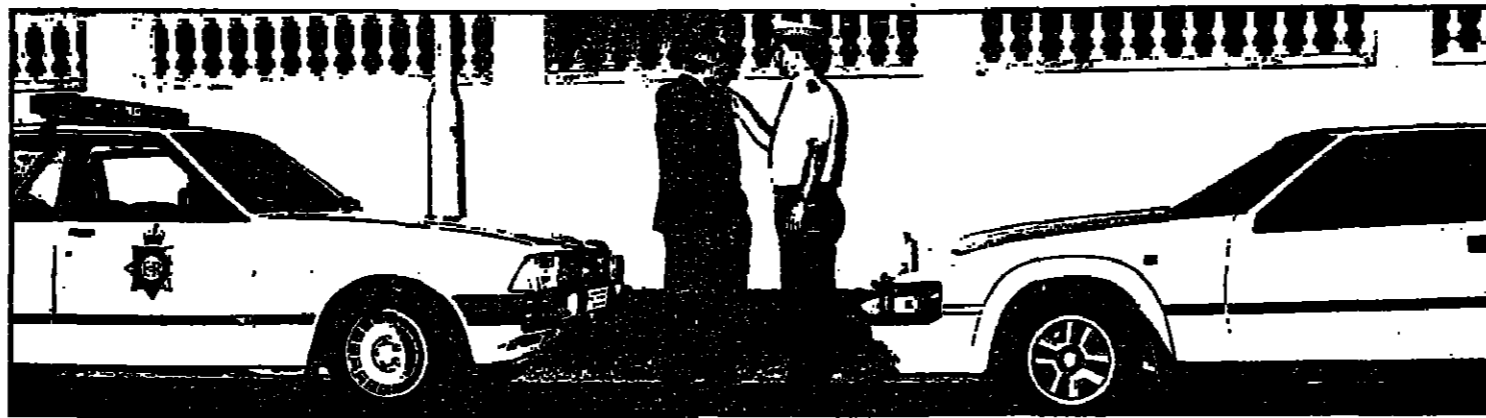
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SPECTRUM

Every measured breath you take

About 80,000 drivers failed breath tests last year. The crew of Tango 402 took William Greaves on night patrol in Brighton to see how they handle drinkers



Saturday night in Brighton, a gang of drunken youths marauding down the seafront, 200 deck-chairs ablaze on the beach. At 10pm police constables Glyn Vaughan and Roger Brown left their headquarters in John Street and climbed into patrol car Tango Four-Zero-Two for the start of their eight-hour shift.

The two men have had six years together as a team, and they knew exactly what to expect. The mob on the waterfront was not their pigeon. The roads in and around Brighton were their stamping ground, and drunken drivers their priority.

"We just think of them as potential killers," said Brown. "By catching them before they catch someone else, we're doing everyone a favour."

Tonight, however, the early batch of over-the-limit drivers got a reprieve. Britain's police forces cannot afford the manpower for single-purpose breath test patrols except at Christmas, and within two minutes one of the three radio sets mounted on the Ford Granada's technology-laden dashboard came urgently to life. "Tango 402, Tavistock Down, some kind

of a fight..." "OK, we'll take a look."

We took the first two sets of bollards and a mini-roundabout on the right, crossed the traffic lights on red, and within moments pulled into Tavistock Down. Brown was out of the car before it had stopped rolling and Vaughan followed a second later. Both men put their hats on as they ran.

Five minutes later Vaughan was back. "Domestic squabble," he said. "Roger will be here in a minute, he's just handing out some friendly advice."

But Brown was looking far from friendly when he returned. "Thirteen-year-old girl with a 38-year-old man in there," he said. "He's lucky it wasn't my daughter. I think we'd better go and have a word with her mother: see if she knows where her little girl spends her time."

By the time that mission was completed — "she was a pretty helpless sort, we'll get a social worker round in the morning" — it was 11.30pm. The pubs had emptied and we pulled up against the right-hand kerb of busy Preston Road. Behind us was a row of parked cars and the gap in front was ideal for a quick getaway. The blue lamp on the roof was brightly

reflected in a shop window. "We're not trying to be sneaky," said Brown, "and we don't hang around pub car parks because it's not our job to harass people on an innocent night out. We are pretty obvious here and if motorists see us and slow down, we've achieved our purpose. It's the ones who race away from the lights and don't see us that we're after."

It was a stretch of road with a 30mph limit and the two policemen picked off the speeds of each vehicle with expert judgement. "Forty... 42... he's getting on for 50. When we go after them we don't usually find we're more than a couple of miles an hour out."

Two motor cycles roared by, their exhausts crackling, and the Granada pulled smoothly away, without the slightest glance passing between the two front seats. As a chase it was a non-starter. Both bikes had pillion passengers and the quartet noticed nothing until the police car's lights brought them to the kerb three-quarters of a mile up the road. Breath tests on the drivers proved negative and they were told that they would be reported for exceeding the speed limit. As details were being taken, one of the passengers started hurling abuse. No-one took much notice and Brown said gently: "I'd tell your friend to shut up if I were you, I don't think he's on your side."

ROADSIDE PASSES AND FAILURES

A quarter of a million motorists in England and Wales were subjected to roadside or hospital breath tests last year — the highest figure ever — and about 80,000 gave positive readings. But latest statistics suggest that a combination of publicity and police vigilance is getting the "don't drink and drive" message across: fewer than a third of all motorists asked to take the test in 1985 proved to be over the limit, compared with more than half 10 years ago.

However, figures recently released by the Home Office reveal enormous regional

disparities in testing. By far the greatest number of tests last year were carried out by the Metropolitan Police (96 per day on average) and Nottinghamshire (70 per day); at the other end of the scale, the City of London Police conducted only two breath tests per day. But while 45 per cent of all tested drivers in the Met gave positive readings, in Nottinghamshire more than nine tenths of 10 proved negative. According to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, two out of every three car drivers killed at night are over the limit.

Now well after midnight and with scores of arrests on the seafront jamming the radio, it was time to take a drive round the parish. On the edge of the Downs en route for Lewes, the roads were

nearby empty as Vaughan and Brown talked about their role.

"We're keeping a high profile and just letting people know we're around," said Brown. "We don't mind at all if we see brake lights go on guiltily when we come into sight, because it means the driver is alert and has got his wits about him. Unless it is pretty obvious from the way he is driving, we don't stop anyone at random for the specific purpose of testing them for drink."

"But we are empowered to stop any motorist for routine reasons, like checking a MOT certificate, and we can then ask them to blow into the Alcometer if we think they might be over the limit."

We were in Old Steine when a blue Morris Marina passed us in the opposite direction, driven aggressively, it seemed to Vaughan and Brown. The Granada swung across the road, swept past two cars and slipped in behind. It seemed impossible not to be noticed as, almost locked together, we turned left into St James's Street, right into Lower Rock Gardens, left again on to Marine Drive and a full half-mile further along the seafront.

The driver was young, his companions dressed ragedly in punk fashion. All three looked white-faced and shocked in the car headlights.

"Just blow into here," said Brown. "This light will go on when you start and this one when you have done enough — it's just like blowing up a balloon..." But already the light was glowing. "I am afraid I must ask you to accompany me to the police station," he said.

It was 3am and Brown and Vaughan still had three hours to go. But for one young man, the night was already over.

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A vision of peace in Iran

Ending the war with Iraq, breaking the clergy's power: these are the aims of a dissident Ayatollah

At 54, Ayatollah Seyed Mehdi Rouhani is just about old enough to qualify as a junior ayatollah, but as a born bora into the small circle of families that have produced most of the "grand" ayatollahs of Shia Islam over the past hundred years he exudes the confidence of one who knows the future is his.

His elder brother is Grand Ayatollah Mohammad-Sadiq Rouhani, and the dissident Grand Ayatollah Tabatabai Qommi — at present under house arrest — is a cousin. He is also related to Ayatollah Khomeini himself.

New living in Paris, Rouhani tasted the excitement of Iranian politics at an early age. When he was 19, he acted as a messenger between Dr Mohammad Mossadegh, the nationalistic prime minister, and Ayatollah Khomeini, the most powerful clericman of his time. Ironically, he also once played a part in saving Ayatollah Khomeini's life.

In the summer of 1962 Khomeini was arrested for inciting fundamentalists to riot against the Shah's reform programme, and Rouhani was told by General Nassiri, the chief of the secret police, Savak, that Khomeini was "as good as a corpse".

Rouhani rushed the news to the shrine city of Qom, where three grand ayatollahs decided to promote Khomeini.

Rouhani is highly conscious of, and embarrassed by, the extremist image Shi'ism has acquired since the revolution in Iran in February 1979.

"The Iranian government has little to do with Islam," he says. "There is no need in our time for cutting off the hands of thieves. The founders of Islam taught us to march forth with society. Only the basic tenets are unalterable, and these are matters of personal belief, not the business of governments."

Velayat-e-Faqih, the guardianship of the theology on which the constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran is based, "is meant to empower the clergy to be the guardians of orphans and mentally-retarded individuals, not whole nations". Rouhani continues: "Clergymen are not qualified to wield political power, and all the other five Grand Ayatollahs alive today oppose Khomeini on this."

Rouhani feels that Khomeini has lost about 70 per cent of the public support he enjoyed in 1979. "When he goes I am certain that political power will slip out of the hands of his men. But if we attempt a total overthrow of the regime, we shall set the country on fire — because there are some people who would start a civil war if we did not win them over first."

"But such is the enormous influence of the Sources of Imitation (the grand ayatollahs), and such is the longing among nationalists and liberals for peace and normality, that I have no doubt that we shall win the support of the armed men on the streets if we promise not to go back on all the demands of the revolution — the change to a republic, for example."

"But the guardianship of the clergy will end. I would not even mind if our people chose a Christian to be our president. I also want to see an end to the war with Iraq, and a democratic future for Iran. I am worried that my country is forging links with the Marxists of Cuba and Nicaragua, and that it does not see the fundamental difference between Russia and the West."

Frances Gibb

Hazhir Talmourian

The year of the fedora

Raymond Chandler's "mean streets" of Los Angeles are being rather kinder at present to the author's memory, estate and most of all to his confiding detective Philip Marlowe, the worldly but sentimental knight in a snap-brimmed fedora, who travelled heavy-wrapped in gabardine carrying a big gun and a conscience.

The fascination with Chandler's work and the mystique which has surrounded the film, television, radio and literary impersonations of Marlowe has trickled along for nearly five decades. But 1986 is turning into a waterfall year.

Robert Redford certainly hopes the interest will continue to grow when he dons Marlowe's mantle and begins filming in California's Palm Springs next month. Redford is more of the screen image — "passably good looking" — that Chandler had of his creation.

He is the star of *Springs*, based on an unfinished Chandler novel (only 12 pages called *The Poodle Springs Story*) by screenwriter Roger Towne, whose brother Robert wrote *Chinatown*.

Raymond Chandler's tough, evocative writing is having a vintage spell in films, television and the theatre

Atlantic Pictures is enthusiastic about *Flashback* by writer Ken Nunn (his first novel *Tapping The Source* was a vivid mirror of 1980s California) which brings Marlowe out of retirement and confronted by more than hoodlums in Plymouth convertibles and the whiff of jasmine and mystery around Pasadena Mansions.

The Texan actor Powers Boothe — "Marlowe is slightly over six feet tall with dark brown hair and brown eyes," said Chandler — is walking the "mean streets" on American cable television. These TV shows began when British producer David Wickes convinced the Chandler estate to part with the rights to some short stories and London Weekend Television became involved.

There is also much academic interest in Chandler, who died in 1959. At the

University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) library, an exhibition on until the end of September has 40 location photographs of dramatic moments from *The Big Sleep*, Chandler's first novel, on display. The Arion Press, a San Francisco publishing house, is offering a limited edition of *The Big Sleep* featuring these photographs, though it is for the real enthusiast at \$425 (nearly £300) a copy.

The publishing company Random House has issued the Chandler novels as part of its "audiobooks" division, while publisher Aaron Blake offers the more energetic diversion in *The Raymond Chandler Mystery Map of Los Angeles*, by which landmarks you can just about trail Chandler's convoluted plots.

Marlowe, who walked on the edge of the street after the introduction of government-

approved psychos like James Bond and Dirty Harry and the much more recent John Rambo, appears to have centre stage again. And with Robert Redford's proven cinema appeal he may find a totally new audience in *Springs*.

"If I ever had an opportunity of selecting a movie actor who could best represent him to my mind it would have been Cary Grant," said Chandler of Marlowe. Maybe with Redford he'll get something of the wish Hollywood has denied him since they began turning his work into movies with Dick Powell as the first Marlowe in *Murder My Sweet*.

Powell, arguably, the best Marlowe so far, was followed by Bogart in *The Big Sleep*, Robert Montgomery in *The Lady In The Lake*, George Montgomery in *The Brasher Doubloon* based on *The High Window*, James Garner in *Marlowe*, Elliot Gould in Altman's *The Long Goodbye*, Phil Carey (in a short-lived 1959 US TV series) and Robert Mitchum in *Farewell My Lovely* and *The Big Sleep* as well as Powers Boothe in the much-liked *Chandler* novel.

The moviemakers and entrepreneurs of the Chandler legacy seem to be heeding their master's words. He wrote: "You have to have passion. Technique alone is just an embroidered potholder."

Douglas Thompson

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Line up: Robert Redford, above, is the latest to play Philip Marlowe. Others, clockwise, are Powers Boothe, James Garner, Elliot Gould, Robert Mitchum, Humphrey Bogart

When a solicitor's writ runs riot

When Welsh businessman Leslie Parsons became embroiled in a dispute with his solicitor, he little knew its repercussions would lead to a major overhaul of the way the Law Society handles the 9,000 complaints made every year against solicitors by members of the public.

His own complaint, arising from a dispute over an onion-peeling machine which he had patented, led to the most notorious case against a solicitor in the profession's history. Dissatisfied with the Law Society's approach, he was eventually forced to go to the High Court to sue his solicitor, former Law Society council member Glanville Davies, who was struck off the Roll for overcharging Parsons by some £130,000.

The Law Society held an inquiry into how the complaint was handled and concluded there had been "many and recurring failures" including "administrative failures, mistakes, wrong doing, errors of judgement, failures in communication; high handedness and insensitivity on a scale that must have done great harm to the Law Society."

Now the society is bringing in a Solicitors Complaints Bureau which will be monitored by members of the public appointed by the Master of the Rolls. The bureau starts work on September 1.

It will be overseen by two key committees: an 11-member investigation committee,

Tomorrow the Law Society launches a complaints bureau to improve the chances of redress when lawyers err

to be dominated and chaired by lay people, which will act as the public's watchdog on how the bureau staff process and handle complaints, and an adjudication committee, whose 18 members will mostly be solicitors, many of them Law Society council members.

The bureau has a hard job ahead of it. There has been widespread criticism that the society opted for the less radical of two options for reforming the complaints machinery that were proposed in the report by management consultants Coopers and Lybrand, published in the aftermath of the Glanville Davies case.

The National Consumer Council says it is "quite unacceptable" in both principle and practice that a professional body which represents the interest of its members should sit in judgement on complaints from the public.

Peter Thompson 61 director of the bureau, rejects such criticisms. "The investigation committee is answerable to no-one. All rejected complaints must go to them and they can request the bureau staff to take certain action. It really is the committee of last resort so far as the public is concerned. An influx of complaints is expected when the bureau gets next January, powers to deal with complaints of "shoddy work" by solicitors, who could be ordered to submit their files for scrutiny and if a complaint is justified, to remit their fees or take specified steps to put matters right.

The head of the investigation committee is Jean Horsham, a career civil servant who spent 15 years in the Ombudsman's office and was deputy there in 1981-1982. Philip Ely, the Law Society council member who chaired the three-man inquiry into the Parsons affair with its damning report will head the adjudication committee.

Solicitors themselves have not been entirely forgotten in all these consumer-orientated moves. The Law Society is setting up a ethics and guidance department to take on the "pastoral" and "trades-union" side of advising them

Leslie Parsons, who set the ball rolling, is pessimistic about whether the bureau will succeed. "I am pleased the Law Society is taking action to put its house in order," he says. "But I feel far from confident that any benefit will be seen by the public. I am still pursuing a complaint against a solicitor which dates from before Glanville Davies in 1977 and the Law Society is still dragging its feet."

Frances Gibb

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1038

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1. Cut in two (6), 4. Dark red (6), 7. Mass (4), 8. Permitted (8), 9. Rail sleeping car (3,3), 13. Company designation (1,1,1), 16. Unseen influence (5), 17. Expire (3), 19. Common person (8), 24. Desert place (8), 25. Stay (4), 26. Colours (6), 27. Unpretentious (6), 11. French school (5), 12. N. Ethiopia province, 18. Eire natives (5), 20. Enjoys (5), 21. Branch (5), 13. De-nationalise (9), 22. Down with (1,3), 14. Masticate (4), 23. Gambit (4), 15. Necklace piece (4).

SOLUTION TO NO 1037: ACROSS: 1. Katakli; 5. Jack; 8. Truck; 9. Lettuce; 11. Elephant; 13. Flop; 15. Unimpaired; 17. Tops; 18. Overdone; 21. Diddan; 22. Stip; 23. West; 24. Endure. DOWN: 2. Avocado; 3. List; 4. Inland Revenue; 5. Jet; 6. Couplet; 7. Attempted; 10. Expedient; 12. Huts; 14. Parr; 16. Impasse; 19. Odour; 20. Last; 22. Sad.

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'Please help, my wife is beating me'

When Vanessa, a battered wife for 10 years, met a battered husband, she found it difficult not to laugh. A year later, she takes the issue very seriously indeed. "I think it may be worse for men", she says. "They aren't likely to tell anyone and there isn't a refuge for them to go to."

Battered husbands are a growing phenomenon, as Caroline Phillips found at a centre which counsels them

from the centre. Ironically, the male victims who call up often feel a woman would be more sympathetic.

'She would draw blood with her bare fists or hit him with a frying pan'

ranges from kicking and scratching to stabbings with potato peelers and kitchen knives.

a door or dropped a kettle. Frequently no one beyond the immediate family will know what is really going on.

She has counselled managing directors, solicitors, lorry drivers and policemen. Usually they are in their mid-30s to late 40s.

Colin, a taxi driver, is one such example. Extremely reticent, he is 26 and looks 10 years older.

been drinking. Did he ever take steps to restrain her?

He could not make out why she did it. He simply knew that he was "frightened and didn't have anywhere to go".

Then by chance one day Colin picked up the once-battered Vanessa in his taxi and moved out to live with her.

at Vanessa's house. "out of jealousy, I think". He found that an application for legal aid and an injunction met with derision.

'Because men have to be tough, I never spoke to anyone about it'

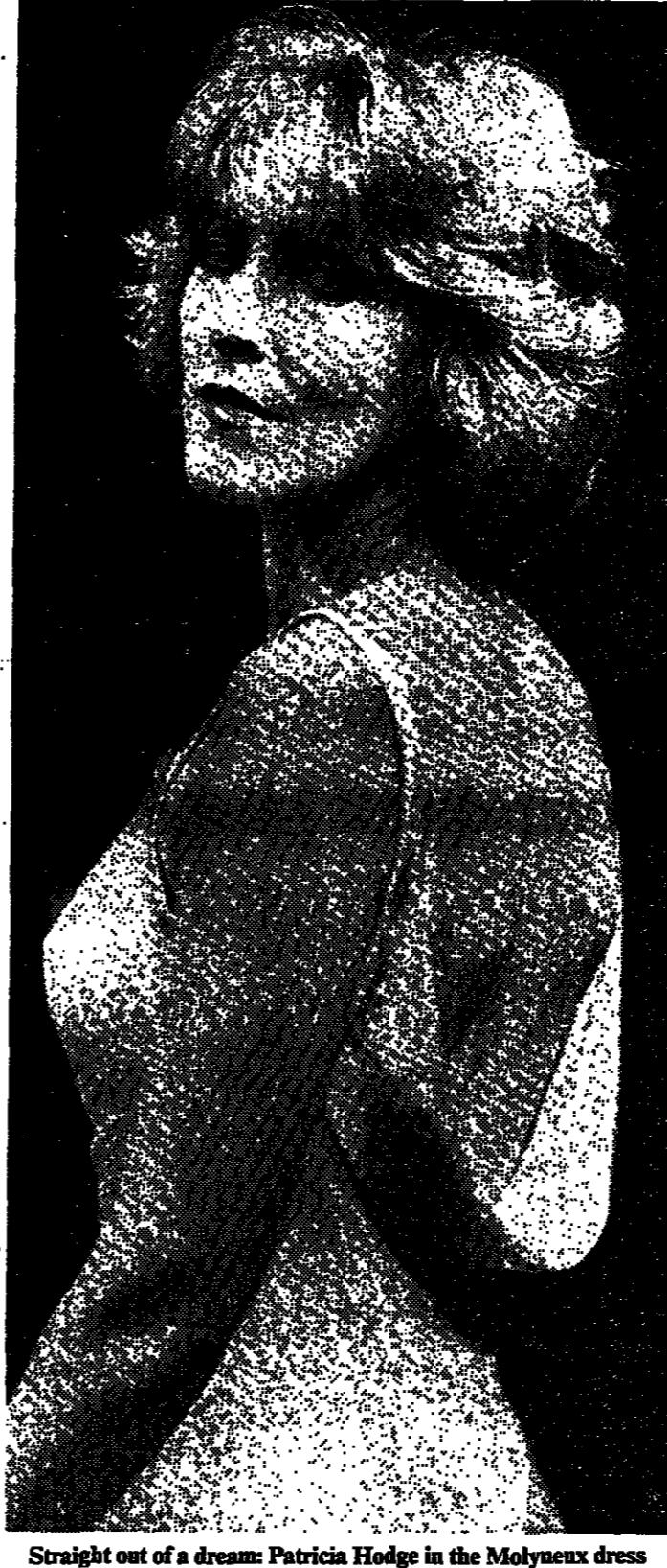
ophy and psychology. "I would certainly hit back if a man attacked me", he says. "but I let her chuck bottles and plates, boiling water and hot dinners at me."

episodes started to occur as often as three times a week.

Attainment that equals failure

FIRST PERSON Peter Barnard

There appears to be life after O level results, but for a day or two it was touch and go. The first few minutes were bad enough, the next few hours worse.



Straight out of a dream: Patricia Hodge in the Molyneux dress

Dressed for the part

When Patricia Hodge was impersonating Nancy Mitford in the musical about the famous sisters, she was hailed as "the new Gertrude Lawrence" by Ned Sherrin.

Patricia Hodge has recreated Gertrude Lawrence, right down to the hem, writes Peter Lewis

which became the film Brief Encounter, with lines like "How sweetly nice you are", and "I thought perhaps we were being rather silly."

the fact that they never had a physical relationship made them all the more devoted friends. A lot of people would be better friends if only that fabulous thing called sex didn't get in the way.

Matchmaker, 59, dainty, seeks rich...

An American lonely hearts club for the cream of society finds a booming business in Britain

contrived to meet and marry without benefit of her professional skills, which means that Mrs Fischer, matchmaker to the cream of society, is now free to concentrate on those others who are perhaps more in the semi-skimmed category.

around 500 clients, mostly in their 30s and 40s, many of them doctors, lawyers, and business people.



Philosophical: Zelta Fischer

anyone to spend time with. Or in the case of women, the biological clock is ticking away and it will soon be too late to have children.

version of Cinderella and the Slipper-fitting trials. This bespoke service costs £1,500 compared with a standard £500 entrance fee.

MULTIYORK'S SUMMER SALE

Advertisement for MULTIYORK'S SUMMER SALE, featuring furniture prices and showroom information.

Advertisement for Winkfield Place Cordon Bleu Cookery Courses.

Advertisement for CUBES from £6, featuring design and storage solutions.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
August 26: The Princess of Wales, having travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, this morning visited Roxburgh House at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Jedburgh Road, Dundee.

Forthcoming marriages
Mr P.A. Cheese and Miss F.C. Robertson
The engagement is announced between Peter Ayton, twin son of Dr and Mrs John Cheese, of 60, London Road, Canterbury, Kent, and Fiona Claire, younger daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Iain Robertson, of Staplefield, West Sussex.

Mr M.L. Coghlan and Miss C.C.B. Hill
The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of the late Kenneth Coghlan and of Mrs A. E. B. Coghlan, of Milland, Liphook, Hampshire, and Catherine, elder daughter of Mr David Hill, of Wargrave, Berkshire, and of Mrs E. Garrett, of Roke, Benson, Oxfordshire.

Mr N.J. Daymond and Miss E. Randall
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Joseph, son of Mr and Mrs Mark Daymond, of Ealing, London, W5, and Kate Elizabeth, daughter of Mrs Henry Randall of Ealing, London, W13.

Mr D.A. Freedman and Miss E.H. Allsopp
The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mr and Mrs H. Freedman, of Stanmore, Middlesex, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs M. J. Allsopp, of Woodstock, Oxfordshire.

Mr M.F.S. Gimson and Miss H.B. Scott
The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs F. S. A. Gimson, of Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, and Helen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. J. M. Scott, of Brookmans Park, Hertfordshire.

Mr J.R. Heath and Miss P.R. Hunt
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs R. Heath, of Torquay, Devon, and Polly, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs R. F. Hunt, of Huntshaw, north Devon.

Mr G.A. Joly de Labiniere and Miss E. Joly de Labiniere
The engagement is announced between Guy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Joly de Labiniere, of London, and Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Phelan, of New York City. The marriage will take place in Italy in October.

Birthdays today
Sir Donald Bradman, 78; Sir Stewart Crawford, 73; Mr John Daly, 54; Lady Antonia Fraser, 54; Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Gretton, 74; Mr Michael Holroyd, 51; Sir Alexander Johnston, 81; Mr John Lloyd, 32; Sir John Lomax, 90; Mr James Molyneux, MP, 66; the Right Rev Richard Rutt, 61; Mrs Teresa, 76; Sir Charles Troughton, 70; Mr Andy Turnbull, 38; Lord Winstanley, 68.

Appointments
The Duke of Westminster to be President of the Royal National Institute for the Blind, in succession to the Duke of Devonshire.

Mr J.E. McClellan and Miss S.L. Petzold
The engagement is announced between James-Edward, only son of Mr and Mrs Anthony McClellan, of Brussels, Belgium, and Susan Leigh, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Petzold, of Horsham, West Sussex.

Mr D.J. Percy and Miss G.A. Newman
The engagement is announced between Duncan, younger son of Mr and Mrs D. F. Percy, of Maidenhead, Berkshire, and Geraldine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D. W. Newman, of Appleby-in-Westmorland, Cumbria.

Mr D.P. Selig and Miss K.J.B. Penrose Breanan
The engagement is announced between David Paul, son of Mr and Mrs A. E. A. Selig, of Bellevue Hill, Sydney, Australia, and Katrina Jane Beatrice, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. W. J. Penrose, of Edgecliff, Sydney, Australia.

Mr L.C. Silvester and Miss J.A.R. Airey
The engagement is announced between Iain Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Roy Silvester, of Falkirk, Stirlingshire, and Juliet Anne Rosemary, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Airey, of Datchworth, Hertfordshire.

Mr S.D. Ball and Miss S. Hampson
The marriage took place on August 16, at the Church of St Peter in the parish of St Pierre, Chesham, between Mr Stephen David Ball, son of Mr and Mrs D. R. Ball, of Cannelford, Cornwall, and Miss Susan Hampson, daughter of Mr and Mrs L. T. Hampson, of Rhiwbina, Cardiff.

Mr J. Lock and Mrs J. Baker
The marriage took place recently in London between Mr John Lock and Mrs Jennifer Baker, daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Skeet, of Hook Heath, Woking.

Births, Marriages, Deaths and In Memoriam

DEATHS AND IN MEMORIAM
Mrs M. J. WAT (minimum 3 lines)
Announcements, authenticated by the name and permanent address of the sender, may be sent to: THE TIMES, PO BOX 484, Virginia Street, London E1 9XS

DEATHS
MITCHELL - On August 22nd, to Judy (nee Urwin) and Richard, a daughter, aged 77.

MARRIAGES
DAVEY & HUGHES - On August 25th, at St Peter Church, Finchley, North, Martin to Nina.

DEATHS
BANDMAN - On August 25th, peacefully at her home in the 96th year, Florence Grace widow of George Bandman, aged 96 years.

DEATHS
GIBSON - On August 23rd, at 11, St. James' Place, London, W.1, aged 78 years.

DEATHS
HOLLY - On August 24th, to Christa and David, a daughter, aged 19 years.

DEATHS
NEVILLE - On August 13th, at St Paul's, Chesham, to Janet (nee Theobald) and Peter, a daughter, aged 77.

DEATHS
NEWLOWE - On 21st August, at Theobald, to Sarah (nee Clifford) and Peter, a son, aged 77.

DEATHS
ROBERTS - On August 14th, to Sarah Jane (nee Joslin) and Alan, a son, aged 77.

DEATHS
SMITH - On 24th August, at St. Peter's Hospital, Whitechapel, to Shirley (nee Teichmann) and Andrew, a son, aged 77.

DEATHS
THOMAS - On Monday August 22nd, at the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, to Marjorie and Harvey, the gift of a daughter, Lena Christine, a sister for Lena Elizabeth.

DEATHS
WIX - On August 21st, to Carolyn and Jonathan, a daughter (Annelia Edith), sister for James.

DEATHS
GANT - On August 23rd, suddenly at home, Norman Walker, aged 77.

DEATHS
MAYES Patrick B.E.M., M.B.E.C.S. - Suddenly on Friday, 22nd August 1966, at Falconwood, O.S. 1966, aged 77 years.

DEATHS
ROBE - On August 24th, 1966, peacefully in hospital. The Reverend Ian George Hope of Bournehouse, Forster's Green, London, N.16, aged 77 years.

DEATHS
MILL - On August 23rd, 1966, at Cromwell Cottage, Little Smeeth, aged 80. Deeply loved and much missed by her husband Raymond, her children Roger, Janet, Carolyn, and Angela, and fourteen grandchildren.

DEATHS
LENDON - Claudia, peacefully at an elderly home, aged 82 years.

DEATHS
MARSHALL - On August 22nd, peacefully after a courageous fight against cancer at St. Mary's Hospital, Brentford, aged 77 years.

DEATHS
MORRIS, Fred John - On 22nd August, of Fifebrum, Staines, previously of 51, St. George's Road, London, N.16.

DEATHS
NORTON-DAWSON - On 24th August, 1966, peacefully at home, Ebbw Vale, aged 78 years.

DEATHS
RENNAN - On August 21st, Charles Gordon Carve aged 85 of 42, Kyles Coleridge, London, N.16.

DEATHS
ROCKE - On August 23rd, Howard Rocke, beloved husband of Mrs. M. J. Rocke and grandfather of Lisa, Mickey and Michelle. Passed away peacefully at home, aged 77 years.

DEATHS
STAPLEY - On August 25th, suddenly at King Edward VII Hospital, Middlesbrough, Gordon H. Stapley, formerly Director of Carlton Studios, aged 77 years.

DEATHS
STEVENSON - On August 23rd 1966, peacefully at home in his garden, Dallas Glenfield, aged 82 years.

DEATHS
WALKER - On August 26th, 1966, at her home in South Crofton, Ashby, aged 77 years.

DEATHS
WALSH - On August 23rd, 1966, peacefully at home, aged 77 years.

DEATHS
WILSON - On August 23rd, 1966, peacefully at home, aged 77 years.

DEATHS
YOUNG - On August 23rd, 1966, peacefully at home, aged 77 years.

DEATHS
ZIMMERMAN - On August 23rd, 1966, peacefully at home, aged 77 years.

DEATHS
... (Additional names and dates)

National Trust to buy Norfolk estate

The National Trust is in the process of buying a major part of the Sheringham Hall estate on the north Norfolk coast. The price has not been revealed, but the trust says it is negotiating the purchase with the help of a National Heritage Memorial Fund grant and a legacy from a supporter. It intends to launch an appeal for further funds.

RAFVR service

A service to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve will be held at St. Clement Dances at 11.00 am on Sunday, October 19, 1966.

University news

The following elections and awards have been made: JESSUS COLLEGE: J. E. B. ... (List of names and awards)

Guns bag price record

The first session of modern and vintage sporting guns at Sotheby's two-day sale at the South-West Pacific Hotel realized £360,668, the highest total achieved by that auction house for a sale of guns.

British bridge team named

The British Bridge League has announced that the team to represent Great Britain in the 1967 European Bridge Championship will be held at the Metropole, Brighton, on August 1-14.

Science report

Fast-growing grasses could become a source of energy in the next decade and help to fill the gap as Europe's supply of oil and gas begins to dwindle.

Grasses which could yield fuel in the future

Biologists at Essex University recently identified three species of grasses which grow much faster than the average and require much less nitrogen for their growth.

SIR JOHN PAGAN

Brigadier Sir John Pagan, C.M.G., M.B.E., a former Agent-General for New South Wales in the UK and Europe, died recently in Sydney at the age of 72.

HERMIONE BADDELEY

Mr Peter Cotes writes: Perhaps you will kindly allow me space to refer further to my old friend and theatrical partner for many years, the late Hermione Baddeley.

OBITUARY

MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM C. CHASE

American war hero who went back to school

Major General William C. Chase, who served with the American Army in France in 1918 and who, in the Second World War, was the leader of American forces re-entering Manila and landing in Tokyo, died on August 21. He was 91.

In May, 1918, he sailed with the 11th Machine Gun Battalion to France, and during the last phase of the war took part in the Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, and Meuse-Argonne operations.

In 1921, he became assistant professor of military science and tactics at Michigan Agricultural College, and in 1925 entered the Cavalry School at Fort Riley, Kansas, from which he graduated the following year.

In February, 1943, he assumed command of the 1st Cavalry Brigade and, in June of that year, took it to the South-West Pacific. He led the reconquest of the Admiralty Islands, and then took a prominent part in the reconquest of the Philippines.

MR DONALD FLETCHER

Mr Donald Fletcher, GC, who was awarded the George Cross (formerly the Edward Medal) for the mine rescue of a colleague in 1925, at the risk of being crushed to death himself, died on August 22 at the age of 84.

Born on January 17, 1902, at Sheffield, he was educated there and at Workson and Firbeck. At the age of 13, he became a grocer's apprentice but, after two years, turned to farming. He became a miner in 1922.

At Crosswell Colliery, Derbyshire, on September 10, 1925, there was a roof collapse to a depth of 16 feet which completely buried a miner named Cooper. Luckily, some of the larger timbers became interlocked, saving Cooper from instant death.

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His wife, Marjorie, survives him with their son and two daughters. Fletcher left mining in 1935 to become an insurance agent. He never served in the Forces, and, in 1948, joined the civil service, working for the Department of Health and Social Security until his retirement in 1968. Gardening and motor-touring were his hobbies. He was awarded the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal in 1977.

He was Federal President of the Liberal Party of Australia from 1966 to 1970, when he was appointed Agent-General for New South Wales in the UK and Europe. He was knighted in 1971.

Doctors' fears over working with Savage

By Jill Sherman

Leading obstetricians at the London Hospital have said they will find it difficult to work with Mrs Wendy Savage after the inquiry into her professional competence which resulted in her 16-month suspension.

They have claimed that it would be impossible for her to be integrated back into the department immediately and have suggested that she is given a different post for a few years.

Last month an inquiry team cleared Mrs Savage, who is also senior lecturer at the hospital's medical school, of allegations of professional incompetence.

But a further panel due to report before her return to work next month is now looking at the working arrangements within the obstetric department. The inquiry team expressed concern over poor working relationships between Mrs Savage and her colleagues.

The panel, chaired by Mrs Alison Munro, chairman of Chichester Health Authority, will determine how Mrs Savage will work with her four consultant colleagues.

Mr John Hartgill, senior consultant obstetrician at the London Hospital, said yesterday: "The fact that this has been thrashed out in public has made it virtually impossible to compromise in any way. In trying to maintain some dignity we have lost any future chance of working without bias on both sides."

Professor Gedis Grudzinkas, Mrs Savage's head of department, criticized her supporters for spreading misinformation about the department.

"A serious internal department matter which led to the suspension of Wendy Savage has been misrepresented as a gender struggle and a struggle between high technology and low technology, which is totally unrelated to this particular problem," Professor Grudzinkas said. The misinformation had resulted in unnecessary anxiety to several patients.

The professor said he would accept the recommendations of the inquiry into the department, but he referred to reports that Mrs Savage had publicly said she would not work in the academic unit headed by himself. He also said that Mrs Savage had called for his resignation.

Mrs Savage's solicitor, Mr Brian Raymond, denied yesterday that Mrs Savage had at any time either called for the professor's resignation or said that she would not be prepared to work with him or any of her colleagues.

Mr Raymond said that the professor's idea of a break with the department had been suggested before the original inquiry was held and was "completely unacceptable" to Mrs Savage.

Last week the consultants broke a 16-month silence by defending their department's policy in a letter to *The Times*.

Plant may stay closed

Continued from page 1 and retraining in handling emergencies.

It is the West that exercises the strongest central control. The terms of a licence for operating a nuclear power station in Britain and France prohibit that sort of experiment that led to the Chernobyl disaster.

down while modifications are made to prevent the safety systems from being switched off in the way they were before the accident.

The latest casualty figures from the disaster show 299 people diagnosed as suffering acute radiation poisoning. There have been 31 deaths.

The long-term effects on health are still being calculated. The estimates cover a population of 75 million in the Ukraine and Byelorussia.

Gas tragedy hits 'exhibition village'



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The gas eruption is being likened to an incident at Lake Mounoun, in the same mountain range, two years ago, when 36 people were killed. Mr Paul Krumpe, one of the US Geological Survey team, said a small landslide into that lake may have produced a release of carbon dioxide from the lakebed sediment that caused it to "explode like an achampagne bottle". Hydrogen cyanide trapped in the carbon dioxide was probably released into the air, he said.

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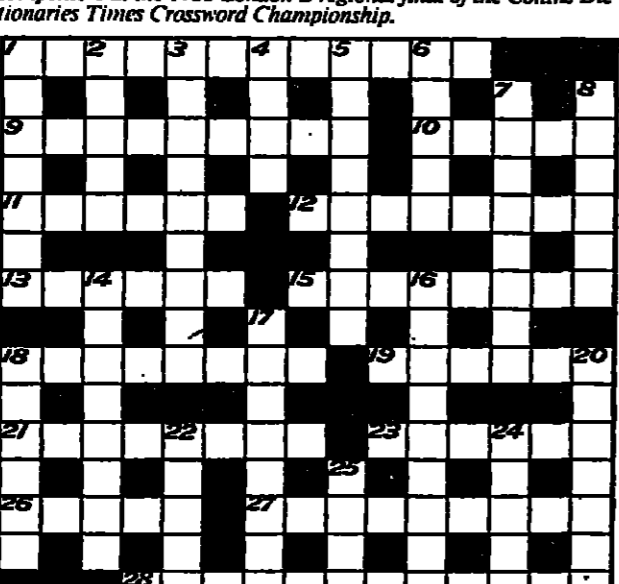
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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,135

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 57 per cent of the competitors at the 1986 London B regional final of the Collins Dictionaries Times Crossword Championship.



ACROSS: 1 Inn central to a religious building (6,6). 9 Objectionable people recruited by head in unofficial way (3,4). 10 Novelist with a following for spiritual nourishment (5). 11 Protect against uridine degradation (6). 12 Coins are involved in this film plot (8). 13 Lumberjack, common chap (6). 15 It's safe for both sides to meet in a match (3,5). 18 Use a ruler in pairing down some timbers (8). 19 7 for a proposal (6). 21 Extra wisin in this ship's hold (8). 23 Violent Parisian dance for the brave (6). 26 The cask is wholly N African port (5). 27 It gives one a bigger say in public pronouncements (9). 28 Nursemaid gets out of prison in Australia (5,7).

New books - hardback

The Deputy Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week: *Growing up in the Gorbals*, by Ralph Glasser (Chato & Windus, £10.95); *Francis Bacon's Personal Life-Story*, by Alfred Dodd (Century, £10.95); *The Dog in Detective Fiction: A History*, by G. S. Messiter (Penguin, £12.95); *And there it's trouble began, Uncollected Writings 1945-85*, by T. J. Fyvel (Wiedenfeld, £15.00); *High Tech Holidays*, by James Bellini (David & Charles, £10.95); *Strike Free, New Industrial Relations in Britain*, by Philip Bassett (Macmillan, £10.95); *Quest for Excitement, Sport and Leisure in the Civilising Process*, by Norbert Elias and Eric Dunning (Blackwell, £19.50); *Chatterbox, Emperor of the Western World*, by Russell Chamberlin (Griffin, £12.95); *The Revolutionary Career of Maximilien Robespierre*, by David P. Jordan (Macmillan, £17.95); *Chatterbox, Emperor of the Western World*, by Russell Chamberlin (Griffin, £12.95); *Chatterbox, Emperor of the Western World*, by Russell Chamberlin (Griffin, £12.95).

The pound

Table showing bank and bullion rates for various currencies like Australian \$, Canadian \$, Hong Kong \$, etc.

Anniversaries

Births: George Wilhelm Hegel, Stuttgart, 1770; Theodor Dreiser, novelist, Terre Haute, Indiana, 1871; Carl Bosch, industrial chemist, Nobel laureate 1931, Cologne, 1874. Deaths: Titian, Venice, 1576; Lope de Vega, dramatist, Madrid, 1635; Sir Rowland Hill, founder of penny postage, London, 1879; Dame Ivy Compton-Burnett, novelist, London, 1969.

Tree aid

Tree 2000, an international appeal to help reclaim the deserts of Africa, has been launched by the Men of the Trees in conjunction with the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the U.N. Further details can be obtained from Tree 2000, P.O. Box 64, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 4GH.

Lighting-up time

London 8.29 pm to 5.26 am. Bristol 8.36 pm to 5.46 am. Edinburgh 8.61 pm to 5.59 am. Manchester 8.41 pm to 5.40 am. Penzance 8.48 pm to 6.00 am.

Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge will be raised today at 10.50 am, 11.40 am, 3.20 pm and 4.20 pm.

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Best wines

In a blind tasting of 52 Californian and Australian Cabernet wines the following wines which are still available were judged excellent value 1985: Fetzer, Ridge County 1980 Cabernet Sauvignon, Majestic Wine Warehouses (01-881 5262), £5.39; Fetzer Estate Bottled Mendocino Cabernet Sauvignon 1978, Majestic Wine Warehouses (01-881 6262), £7.59; Ridge County Cabernet Sauvignon Monte Bello 1981, Les Amis du Vin (01-636 4020), £21.50; The Firestone Vineyard Santa Ynez Valley California Cabernet Sauvignon 1979, Bottoms Up and Peter Dominic (0279-26801), £6.15; Rosemount Estate Coonawarra Show Reserve 1982, Arthur Rackham (09225-51585), £6.99 (fresh supplies available from October); G. Geamp & Sons' Orlando South Eastern Australia RF Cabernet Sauvignon 1982, Joseph Phelps Vineyards 1980 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, Oddbins (01-481 2044), £10.95; Moss Wood Margaret River 1983 Cabernet Sauvignon, Alex. Finlay (01-624 7311), £11.95; Penfolds Cabernet Sauvignon BA 707 1982, Sainsbury Brothers of Bath (0225-60481), £19.15. Source: Wine, August 1986.

Weather forecast

A deep depression will move slowly eastwards across the North Sea. London, SE, central S, central N England, Midlands: Scattered showers and a few bright intervals; wind NW moderate or fresh; max temp 18C (64F). East Angles, E, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee: Cloudy with occasional rain, slowly brightening from the W; wind N, fresh or strong, near gale force in exposed areas at first, moderating inland; max temp 16C (61F). Channel Islands, SE, NW England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Occasional showers, soon heavy, but a few sunny intervals; wind N fresh becoming moderate; max temp 15C (59F).

High Tides

Table of high tides for various locations like London, Bristol, Plymouth, etc.

Portfolio Gold

Times Portfolio Gold rules are as follows: 1. Times Portfolio is a daily publication of the Times. 2. Times Portfolio is a condition of sale. 3. Times Portfolio is a condition of sale.

Envoy in mission to gain allies backing

Continued from page 1 and larger US strike against Libya if President Reagan orders it.

The White House spokesman said: "We certainly have reason to believe" that Colonel Gaddafi has not given up his desire to carry out terrorist activities worldwide. "The capability is still there to do so." He cited as an example Libyan activities in Chad to overthrow the Government.

The Wall Street Journal said on Monday that the US was ready to strike first, without waiting for new Libyan-supported acts of terrorism. The US was reportedly contemplating possible joint action with France to drive Libyan troops out of Chad.

Washington clearly expects scepticism in Europe about its warnings at a time when Colonel Gaddafi has kept a low profile and there has been a lull in international terrorism.

But Mr Walters will emphasize evidence from intelligence sources here that in fact Libya was behind the recent rocket attack on the British base at Akrotiri, Cyprus, and also involved in abortive plans to bomb another disco club in West Berlin recently.

The Administration wants to persuade the European allies to support the extension of existing sanctions to select European subsidiaries of US companies operating mainly in Libya. The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) believes Libya has expanded its terrorism beyond its Peoples' Bureau. Libyan airline offices, cultural centres and trading companies in Africa, Europe and the Middle East have begun recruiting "local thugs" to attack American and European diplomats and businessmen.

The Wall Street Journal quoted officials as saying: "Mr Gaddafi seems to have gone off his rocker again." They said the Libyans had forgotten the lesson they learned in the American bombing last April.

The Pentagon has refused to comment on reports that it is preparing for a new strike at Libyan oil terminals and other economic targets.

Around Britain

Table of weather forecasts for various regions in Britain including East Coast, South Coast, and West Coast.

Abroad

Table of weather forecasts for various international locations like Aljezur, Alexandria, Algiers, etc.

Various financial and business advertisements including 'BUSINESS', 'STOCK MARKET', 'INSIGN', 'WOODROW', 'BRISTOL', and 'INTEREST'.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

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Ensign bid extended

Ensign Trust, the investment trust 80 per cent owned by the Merchant Navy Officers Pension Fund, said it had received acceptances for 26.7 per cent of Berry Trust at yesterday's first closing date for its hostile £86 million takeover offer and is extending its bid by a week.

Templeton up

Templeton, Galbraith & Hansberger, the US investment house, announced a 47 per cent jump in its interim pretax profit to \$23.2 million (£15.6 million). The interim dividend was 3 cents, and for the full year will be not less than 40 per cent of profit after tax.

Woodrow rise

The construction company, Taylor Woodrow, reported interim pretax profits up from £19.5 million to £20.1 million. The 1985 figure was restated to reflect a change in accounting policy. Turnover fell from £389 million to £377 million. The dividend was increased by 12.5 per cent to 2.25p net.

Lloyds trims

Lloyds Bank said it had cut the size of its China trade department staff in Hong Kong but denied it was reducing its presence in China.

Edgar resigns

Mr Anthony Edgar has relinquished the post of chairman of Ratners (Jewellers) and has resigned from its board and from boards of other companies within the group.

Project sold

Simi Investment Inc of Los Angeles, an affiliate of Rohan California Investment, has sold its 135,000 sq ft high-technology development in Simi Valley, California, to the Whitaker Corp for \$6.9 million, recovering its total equity in the project.

Bristol deal

Bristol Oil & Minerals has signed an agreement to sell its interests in the Dutch North Sea for £2.6 million to Energieversorgung Weser-EMS of Germany.

Table with 2 columns: Commodities, Share Prices. Includes items like Copper, Gold, and various stock indices.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

Table listing stock market data for New York, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Frankfurt, and London, including indices and price changes.

INTEREST RATES

Table listing interest rates for various financial instruments like Bank Base, 3-month interbank, and US Prime Rate.

CURRENCIES

Table listing exchange rates for various currencies including the Dollar, German Mark, and ECU.

US prime rate cut renews UK optimism

Leading banks in the United States reduced their prime lending rates yesterday. The move fuelled strong gains on Wall Street and encouraged a return of interest rate optimism in London. Morgan Guaranty Trust reduced its prime rate from 8 per cent to 7.5 per cent at the start of business and was quickly followed by the First National Bank of Chicago, the Harris Trust and Savings Bank, Continental Illinois and Chase Manhattan.

Imbalances 'to persist'

Large imbalances in the world economy will persist despite the dollar's sharp fall against other currencies, a report from Goldman Sachs, the US investment house, says. The US trade deficit and the corresponding surpluses in West Germany and Japan will last until action is taken to complement the change in currency values, according to Goldman Sachs. This includes cutting the US budget deficit, reducing 'excess' savings in Japan and reversing declining public sector deficits in Germany.

Norwegian premier confirms talks on cutting oil output

Stavanger (Reuters) - Norway, the second largest oil producer in Western Europe yesterday gave the firmest indication so far that it will try to help the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) to boost world oil prices by cutting back its own output. Mrs Gro Harlem Brundtland, Prime Minister, addressing an oil conference, said the Norwegian Government would contact oil companies operating in Norway's offshore fields to discuss 'how possible restrictions in production can be best implemented'.

Brazil to seek reduction in debt payments

Rio de Janeiro (Reuters) - Brazil will try to negotiate a reduction of its debt servicing to about 2.5 per cent of gross domestic product from 3.8 per cent, a spokesman for the Finance Ministry said. He said this would be achieved partly by projected GDP growth of at least 7 per cent over the coming years, lower interest payments and rescheduling of debt payments over longer periods. The spokesman said that Senator Dilson Funaro, the Finance Minister, had indicated he would take a tough stance with bankers but that any decision would have to be negotiated.

Tomkins team takes over at Pegler

Mr Greg Hutchings, chief executive of the FH Tomkins engineering group, has rung the changes among the top management at Pegler-Hattersley, the valve and tap maker captured by Tomkins in June after a bitterly-fought £192 million takeover battle. As part of a restructuring at Tomkins, Mr Harold Grace, managing director of Pegler, is taking early retirement, two years before his contract expires, while the Pegler company secretary, Mr Alastair Miller, and divisional directors, Mr John Hope and Mr Henry Nelson, are resigning. Mr Hutchings said yesterday the changes had been arrived at amicably and were limited to senior management. He said: 'There really was not a place for them. We have got our own people and they understood that.'



Williams doubles profits

Williams Holdings, the acquisition-minded industrial holding company, more than doubled its pretax profits in the six months to June 30. They jumped to £5.5 million from £2.7 million last year. Turnover rose by 57 per cent to £75 million. Williams announced yesterday that it will pay an interim net dividend of 5p a share. And, if there are no unforeseen circumstances, it will pay a final of 9p, making a total of 14p.

BSR moves back into the black

BSR International moved back into the black in the first half of 1986. Pretax profits of £3.6 million were reported yesterday compared with last year's interim loss of £3 million. The profits benefited from a pension fund-related credit of about £1 million. Turnover rose 10 per cent to £149.1 million. The interim dividend was increased by 9 per cent from 0.55p to 0.6p. The weak dollar had a damaging effect on profits. BSR wants to move further into high-technology products, particularly cellular radio and electronic display systems.

BP venture

British Petroleum and the China National Offshore Oil Corporation have signed a contract to search for oil in the southern part of the Yellow Sea. BSR hopes eventually to float part of Swan Housewares which is now trading profitably. Earlier this year, 60 per cent of Tenby Industries was floated on the Stock Exchange, raising about £11 million net.

Sandberg says Hong Kong's goal remains to buy a European bank

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong. The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation is out to buy a European commercial bank. Announcing interim profits up 7.9 per cent to HK\$1197 million (£104 million), Sir Michael Sandberg, chairman, said the acquisition of a European bank 'remains a goal'. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission has already turned down the Hong Kong bank's agreed merger with the Royal Bank of Scotland, but Sir Michael said, it had not been deterred.

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Heron International, Britain's second largest private company, whose chairman is Mr Gerald Ronson, is making a Peseta 10 billion (£50 million) cash offer for the property division of Spain's Rumasa Group, the financial and industrial conglomerate which was taken over by the Spanish Government in 1983 on the verge of collapse. Since that date the Spanish Government has been privatizing Rumasa's assets. The Heron offer is for one of the last remaining parts of the Rumasa combine which included banking, finance, hotels, retailing and sherry businesses.

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FIRST SIX MONTHS 1986

Table with 3 columns: Metric, 1986, 1985. Includes Turnover, Operating profit, Profit on ordinary activities, Profit for the period, Earnings per ordinary share, and Interim dividend of 3 cents per share.

For a copy of the interim statement August 1986, please apply to The Secretary, Templeton, Galbraith & Hansberger Ltd., PO Box 7776, Newgate, Eastman or 12 Colindale Avenue & Co., 12 Tottenham Yard, London, EC2R 2AN.

WALL STREET

Table with 6 columns: Date, Stock Name, Price, Change, Date, Stock Name, Price, Change. Lists various stocks and their performance over time.

Inquiry by EEC into 'fertilizer dumping'

From Jonathan Brande Brussels The competition directorate of the European Economic Community is expected to open a new anti-dumping inquiry into a number of unnamed American suppliers of the liquid fertilizer, urea ammonium nitrate (UAN), in the next few days.

The inquiry will be into a complaint brought by the EEC Fertiliser Industry Association (CMC). The CMC case, if successful, could lead to firmer prices for this product during the 1987-88 fertilizer season, although EEC sources have emphasized that the price is also subject to fluctuations in the value of the dollar and the cost of natural gas-based feedstocks.

CMC - its members include UAN producers such as ICI, BASF and several Dutch and French companies - alleges that some United States companies have been selling the product at prices well below those in the American market.

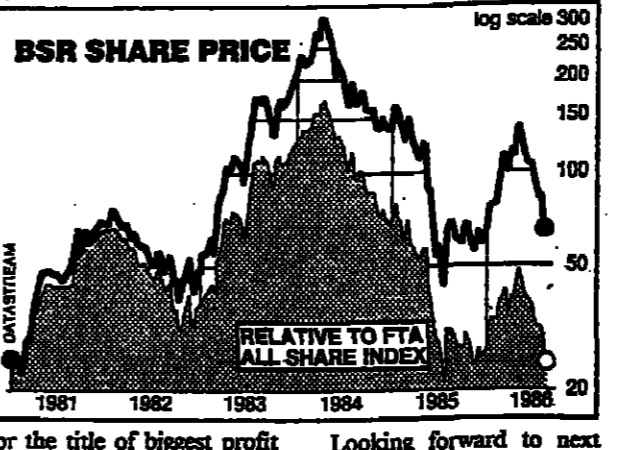
The sudden influx of American supplies over the past year, after a three-year absence from the EEC market, has caused a considerable loss of market share for domestic producers.

Leaner and fitter BSR is back on course

BSR International finds it almost as hard to chart its progress as do analysts, no doubt because of its dependence on the volatile US market. However, the pundits are still trying to find their feet in the quagmire of the group's fortunes.

Prospects looked good in 1983 and 1984, when reported results raced ahead from a 1982 loss of £17.4 million, to profits of £20.8 million and £26.8 million respectively. A 1982 rationalization programme appeared to be having the desired effect.

However, hopes were dashed last year when the group plunged into losses. The sharp fall in the computer-related market was to blame. Moves are afoot now to make BSR less dependent on high volume, low margin business.



Looking forward to next year, more than £20 million is needed to keep people happy. The low rating, about half the market's average, indicates that there are still sceptics around.

Templeton By most of the criteria by which fund managers are measured, Templeton, Galbraith & Hausberger has done well in the six months to June 30. The interim results announced yesterday showed a pretax profit increase of 47 per cent to £23.2 million (£15.6 million) on turnover which was up 66 per cent to £68.6 million.

mately half of this growth was attributable to capital appreciation of investments and half to new funds. Some \$200 million of these were "separate accounts" such as pension funds and foundations. The rest was sales of mutual funds (unit trusts).

At a price of 213p, the shares are not out of line with similar vehicles. Taylor Woodrow A set of results from a naturally cautious group such

as Taylor Woodrow which are acknowledged by the directors as anything more exciting than "not unsatisfactory" would send the shares roaring ahead. However, even the chairman and chief executive, Frank Gibb, would have liked yesterday's interims to have been a marginally better.

The phasing of property sales and the effect of a lower oil price are reasons given for a dull first half. Currency movements were also blamed even though average exchange rates are now used.

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The Directors announce that the unaudited profit for the six months ended 30 June 1986 attributable to the shareholders of the Bank was HK\$1,197 million (1985: HK\$1,109 million), an increase of 7.9%. The profit was arrived at after providing for taxation and after making transfers to inner reserves.

The Directors have declared an interim dividend of HK\$0.13 per share (1985: HK\$0.125 adjusted), an increase of 4%. The dividend will be payable on 1 October 1986 to shareholders whose names are on the Register of Shareholders on 30 September 1986.

Consolidated Profit and Loss Statement for the six months ended 30 June 1986 - unaudited. Table with columns for 6 months to 30 June 1986 and 6 months to 30 June 1985, with sub-columns for HK\$m and £m.

Consolidated Balance Sheet details. Table with columns for 30 June 1986 (unaudited) and 31 December 1985 (audited), with sub-columns for HK\$m and £m.

Prospects for the rest of 1986 In Hong Kong stable economic conditions prevailed during the first half. The stock market was firmer and the higher level of property prices achieved after last year's strong gains was maintained.

Against this background the trend of the Group's earnings is expected to show a steady improvement and your Directors expect to recommend a final dividend of not less than HK\$0.27 per share.

Closing of Register of Shareholders The Register of Shareholders will be closed from 15 September until 30 September 1986 (both dates inclusive). In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all transfers (accompanied by the relevant share certificates) must be lodged with the Registrars not later than 4.00 pm on 12 September 1986.

Directors' Interests. Table listing directors and their interests in the shares of the Bank and in the shares of Common Stock of Marine Midland Banks, Inc.

By Order of the Board Secretary Hong Kong, 26 August 1986

COMPANY NEWS

● TENBY INDUSTRIES: Figures in £000 for six months to June 28. Profit before tax 1,535 (1,378), tax 25 (nil), extraordinary items credit 1,000 (nil). Earnings per share 8.58p (7.83p). The directors believe

that there will be continuing growth and progress in the second half. As indicated in the directors' report, the directors expect to recommend a final dividend of 2.7p.

● EUROPEAN ASSETS TRUST: Interim (in Dutch guilders) £10.04 (same). Figures in £1000 for six months to June 30. Total income 2,385 (2,343), net income 1,830 (1,969). Earnings per share £10.07 (10.08).

● CAMBRIDGE ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES: Interim dividend 2.2p (2.2). Figures in £000 for six months to June 30. Pretax profit 4,025 (5,274), tax 1,535 (1,771). Earnings per share 6.2p (9.1p). The chairman says that the outlook is more encouraging. There has been a moderate improvement in the underlying trend of the order intake in Britain and, providing this is maintained, a return to more satisfactory profitability can be anticipated for the second half.

● ASPEN COMMUNICATIONS: Interim dividend 1.3p (1). Figures in £000 for six months to June 30. Pretax profit 931 (440), tax 334 (154). Earnings per share 7.54p (4.32). Earnings per share have been calculated on 7,478,617 (6,231,260) ordinary shares. The chairman says the outlook is good for continued progress in line with the company's high growth targets.

● EMESS LIGHTING: Interim dividend 2.5p (1.9p) for half year to June 30. Figures in £000. Profit on ordinary activities 1,407 (1,120), tax 506 (448), profit after tax 901 (672). Earnings per share 6p (5p). The comparative figures for 1985 have been adjusted to take account of the merger of Martin Electric in September, 1985.

PSIT Property Security Investment Trust p.l.c.

PROFIT UP DIVIDEND INCREASE Extracts from the statement by the Chairman, Mr. A. R. Parry: Profit before tax rose from £4.7 million to £5.4 million. Gross rents increased from £6.8 million to £8.1 million. Work commenced on Chichester Business Park, a 90 acre site at Basingstoke. Planning application for 50 acre retail park at Tyne Tunnel. Further retail property purchased since year end. Two thirds of borrowings are now long term. Net asset value £1.80 per share against £1.54 per share last year. Dividend increased by 20% to 2.5p per share.

Results for the year ended 31st March 1986. Table with columns for 1986, 1985, and 1984, showing financial metrics like Rents receivable, Net property income, Profit before tax, Ordinary dividend per share, and Share capital and reserves.

Copies of the complete Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Secretaries, W. R. Sheppard and Company, 1 Love Lane, London E20 7JL.

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Investors regain confidence and oil shares find favour

US prime rate cuts and hopes that Germany will follow with lower rates tomorrow helped to support share prices which had been showing signs of flagging as the last leg of the long holiday account got underway yesterday. The FT 30 share index improved by 5.4 points to close at 1276.6 while the FT-SE 100 index forged ahead 9.1 points to 1616.2. Trading began sluggishly with many dealers still on holiday, but confidence returned as investors ignored Wall Street's overnight fall and began nibbling at selective stocks. Oil was particularly favoured again as BP increased retail prices by another 5p a gallon. A firm spot price and the threat of cheap Greek imports, eased 3p to 553p ahead of today's first half profits. Dealers are hoping for between £44 million and £46 million, down from £52.5 million for the same period last year. Taylor Woodrow hardened 2p to 338p after a satisfactory earnings increase and Tarmac put on 4p to 478p on the prospect of a big contract to build a new marina at Eastbourne. Press comment lifted Treacherwood 15p to 460p, but a cautious mention knocked 40p from Wigate Property Investments at 410p. London & Midland, at 220p, gave back 8p of last Friday's late rise that followed news of merger talks with Williams Holdings, 5p better at 650p after a bumper set of profits. Chloride did well at 54p, up 5p, as directors began a tour of brokers to advertise the company's recovery potential. There have been rumours of a stake build-up and plans for a sale of the Indian subsidiary. Babcock added 5p to 190p on hopes of a contract from the Sizewell 'B' project due to be announced soon. The figures are scheduled for Thursday of next week. CSR celebrated a return to profitability with a 5p rise to 73p. In contrast, a 24 per cent profit setback cut 10p from Cambridge Electronics at 200p. Emess Lighting put on 8p to 288p after a 26 per cent earnings expansion. President Entertainments jumped 11p to 126p in anticipation of a cheerful statement today. Cadbury hardened 18p to 170p on the Dr Pepper deal, but Rowntree fell 8p to 375p on small selling. Expansion hopes boosted Lamont Holdings 15p to 175p and speculative demand excited Wendee, another old takeover candidate, up 14p to 108p. Stores were selectively supported with Freemans up 6p to 450p. Reed Executive contin-

Pension funds' sixfold growth

By Amanda Gee Smyth

Pension funds in Britain and the US have increased in size by 500 per cent in the past 10 years, according to a survey published today. The survey, on the growing role of pension funds in domestic and international financial markets, was conducted by The Economist Intelligence Unit. By 1983, the top 300 American money managers controlled funds worth more than \$2,000 billion, the survey, The Challenge of Private Pension Funds, says. About 50 per cent of investment fund portfolios in Britain and North America are invested in shares. Nevertheless, the American pension funds invested more than \$1 billion last year on fixed-interest Eurobonds, a figure that could double in 1986, according to the report. It points out that ageing populations will affect spending on government pensions relative to available national resources, with developed countries seeing old age dependency ratios soaring in the next century. For the big seven industrialized countries, the peak will be reached in 50 years' time. The role of fund managers is therefore increasingly important as they contribute immensely to the improvement and stability of national capital markets, the survey says. If real growth rates are sustained, together with high employment, the scope for private-sector provision would be enlarged as life expectancy increases, pension periods lengthen and people retire earlier. But if a zero real growth rate in gross domestic product, coupled with high and persistent unemployment occurs, it might be difficult to maintain the current social security structures and the concentration of resources on the very poor should take the form of means tests based on basic provisions or a similar approach. In Europe, apart from Britain, banks rather than pension funds have generally played the intermediary role in providing funds for industry. Pension funds as institutional investors are almost nonexistent in Italy and France, the report says.

BET strong runner in the conglomerate race

BET used to be a ragbag: now that it has introduced some logic into its operations, it is almost harder to place. After the disappointment of losing SGB, Nicholas Wills, the second generation chief executive who has transformed BET, won the second leg of his summer treble yesterday by clinching the acquisition of Brengreen Holdings, the industrial cleaning group. He has already made an agreed takeover of the Shorrocks intruder alarm business. But, despite aid from Michael Ashcroft's Hawley, he has yet to crack the tougher nut of the HAT group. Mr Wills, under the watchful eye of chairman Hugh Dundas, has done exactly what he said he would. BET now has five divisions aiming at strong market positions. In the process, BET has sold £250 million of its old businesses, many finally owing more to sentiment than logic, and has spent getting on for £450 million building up its chosen strengths in industrial services, construction, transport, publishing and (not yet quite logically) electronics and leisure. The results have started to show in earnings per share, up almost a quarter at last month's count, although much of this was due to tax management. The puzzle is what happens when the sorting out is done? Conglomerates are going through a peculiar phase on stock markets, both here and in the United States. Some are derided, others lionised. Conglomerates such as Hanson Trust and Sir Owen Green's BTR, are eating other conglomerates and spitting out the bones. In Lord Hanson's case, dismemberment is the primary skill. Two qualities separate the eaters from the eaten. Diversified groups which have bought into other industries, usually because of limited prospects on their own, rarely turn out to be worth as much as the sum of their parts. Industrial holding companies, for all the fine words about management, tend in maturity to deliver the average of the industries they serve. This is the Achilles' heel of groups such as Allied Lyons. Others struggle to reproduce the dynamism of their founders. The successful are essentially financial operations that maintain their aggression, although they need basic good management in the background. Hanson has to mount ever greater takeover bids to sustain its momentum. It remains to be seen how BET (or for that matter Grand Metropolitan) will develop. Are their leaders recreating them or just preparing a good meal for someone else? Either way, the combination of market pressure and management effort cannot be bad for shareholders.

Dumping the competition

In the tangled web of international trade agreements, where each rule is matched by a clutch of exceptions, the proof of the dumping is in the pricing. The problem is what to take as a fair starting price in the exporter's domestic market. For that determines whether, after allowing for export costs, a product is being sold too cheap in foreign markets. Monday's decision by the European Commission to impose provisional duties of up to 15.8 per cent on Japanese photocopier imports again questions the justification for such measures. Dumping is unfair and breaks one of the basic ground rules for a global trading system. There is, however, a small step between punishing the dumper and penalising the successful foreign competitor. The prescriptions used to calculate the fair domestic price can virtually guarantee that the dumping case will be proven. Anti-dumping measures are the respectable way to introduce selective import restraints, while preaching the gospel of free trade. And for the companies concerned. How much easier to point the finger at unfair practices rather than to admit an inability to cope with competition? Japanese businessmen were quick yesterday to attack the new duty as part of a "get tough" approach to Japan over its trade surplus. Most European rivals do not manufacture the small and slower speed copiers in question. Those that do usually have ties with Japanese companies, they said. Not so, countered the market leader, Rank Xerox, which brought the case with four other community manufacturers. They argue that it is precisely because of dumping that more European manufacturers have been unable to become established in the burgeoning photocopier market. For the consumer, the upshot is that prices will rise.

APPOINTMENTS

Statistic: Mr Leo Statik becomes president and Professor Roland Smith becomes chairman with effect from October 1. Mitel Corporation: Mr Thomas Mayer is now executive vice-president and general manager of the PABX division. H J Heinz Company: Mr Robert Miller becomes finance director.

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A SPECIAL REPORT ON ZIMBABWE

Living on the edge in Africa's front line

Picture by Alexander Jo and Veld Koolen

Zimbabwe has come to the forefront of public attention in the last few months because of the leading role it has played in the campaign for sanctions against South Africa.

Robert Mugabe, the prime minister and the dominant figure in the country since its independence in 1980, was outspoken at the Commonwealth summit conference earlier this month in pressing the case for action of that sort.

It is a policy that comes naturally to Zimbabwe because of its proximity to South Africa and because of the similarities, limited but real, in the experience of the two countries. Formerly Rhodesia, Zimbabwe came to independence after a protracted and bitter struggle between the ruling white community and the African majority.

The present government in Harare believes a similar process is now under way south of the Limpopo and that it, and the rest of the international community, should do whatever is possible to accelerate the arrival of majority rule there.

The drawback is that the Zimbabwean economy is heavily dependent on South Africa, which is so much larger and more powerful, and is likely to be severely damaged by sanctions - not to mention retaliatory moves by Pretoria. Some 90 per cent of Zimbabwe's imports and exports go through South Africa, and it is hard to imagine how, even with outside help, considerable sacrifices can be avoided.

The government, nevertheless, appears determined to introduce sanctions and has begun to prepare public opinion for their impact. At the same time it is looking for other trade routes.

Zimbabwe has itself been remarkably successful in bridging the gulf between black and white and creating a society in which both have their place. When the new nationalist government, headed by Mr Mugabe, came to power in 1980 it took note of the importance of the whites in the economy of the country and, despite its Marxist rhetoric, decided to adopt a pragmatic, rather than a doctrinaire, approach to policy.

The whites were encouraged to stay and nearly half of them, about 100,000 out of 240,000, did. No land was expropriated, although some was bought at an economic price for distribution to African farmers. No business was nationalized, though the government has acquired a controlling interest in some.

The result was the forging of a consensus between blacks and whites in which the blacks hold political power, but white farmers, businessmen and others have considerable freedom to run their affairs as before. Needless to say, net-

her side is completely happy, some Africans believing that too many whites still hold key commercial and professional positions, and some whites chafing at too much government control, or inefficiency.

But the Zimbabwean economy has retained the basic strengths that it had in the days of Rhodesia, based on a diverse mix of agriculture (where the whites make a major contribution), industry, mining and tourism. While much has been done to expand education, health and other services for the Africans, there has been a continuity in the country's economic life which has underlain the fundamental change in political control.

Harare, the former Salisbury, remains a well-ordered city with tall, modern office blocks owned by companies and banks with international connections. Significantly, two of its main streets, not far apart, are named respectively after Samora Machel, the revolutionary leader of Mozambique, and Cecil Rhodes, symbol of white imperialism (whose tomb, dramatically set on a hilltop south of Bulawayo, is still a tourist attraction).

Beyond its borders, the Zimbabwean government has set out to have correct relations with South Africa, distasteful though it obviously



Politics and the people: Robert Mugabe, the prime minister of Zimbabwe, and the smiling faces of township children of Harare



In 1963 the Zimbabwe African People's Union (Zapu) split and dissident members formed the Zimbabwe African National Union (Zanu). During the war with the white regime there were constant differences between the two parties, headed by Joshua Nkomo (Zapu) and Mr Mugabe (Zanu), and they are

lary Zapu supporters, in 1983 and 1984.

More generally, the Zanu-dominated government behaved as though it wanted to cow Zapu, or even eliminate it altogether. Some response to the activities of the dissidents was inevitable, but the state-of-emergency inherited from the pre-independence regime has been maintained and its special provisions used to arrest and detain whom the authorities choose.

Zapu leaders have been detained, kidnapped and tortured, and during last year's election campaign young Zanu members attempted to intimidate Zapu by attacks on party offices, tolerated by the police.

Zimbabwe today retains a multi-party system - including the Conservative Alliance of Zimbabwe headed by Ian Smith. Its judiciary has proved its independence. But the media toe the government line, and with the main opposition party under severe pressure the government proclaims its intention of moving, ultimately to a one-party state.

In recent months tensions have subsided and the situation in Matabeleland has been calmer. There have been talks

on unity between Zanu and Zapu - whose differences are in any case more a matter of personalities than of policy - and there has been conciliatory talk on both sides. Mr Nkomo has abandoned his attacks on the government and Mr Mugabe has let it be known that a one-party state will not be imposed on the country, but will only come by consent.

The recent release of 10 detainees, including some prominent Zapu members, was an important step in the process of reconciliation. But it has still to be seen whether the two parties will ultimately be able to come to terms.

In this, as in other areas, much will depend on Mr Mugabe. He can legitimately take credit for the remarkable reconciliation with the whites, and for the way in which Zimbabwe has avoided many of the mistakes made in the past by other newly independent African states.

But his ministers are by no means all of the same calibre, and he has presided over a system which, at its worst, has been as repressive towards the Ndebele as the previous white regime was towards the Africans as a whole.

Peter Stafford

Tough line on finance

The barons of the International Monetary Fund in Washington will have gasped at the end of July as they watched the telex copy coming out of Harare.

Dr Bernard Chidzero, Zimbabwe's minister of finance, economic planning and development, had just presented his annual budget, announcing a record deficit of \$419 million, up 51 per cent on the previous year and amounting to 11.7 per cent of gross domestic product.

In 1984, the IMF suspended the fiscal tranche, worth 125 million special drawing rights, of a loan totalling 300 million sdrs, following Zimbabwe's disregard for IMF guidelines on budgetary restraint.

Any review of the loan's suspension is now seen as completely out of the question. Despite the IMF's negative appraisal, Zimbabwe's economy remains, if not robustly healthy, at least resilient, supported by a vigorous agricultural, mining and industrial base.

In April this year, Dr Chidzero published the five-year national development plan, outlining the

government's targets for development and production in all fields.

The plan envisaged a growth rate over the period of five per cent, a slowdown in government spending, and an emphasis on the expansion of the productive sectors. It stated the government's readiness to work with foreign investors by offering increased opportunities for reward.

Foreign investors are encouraged

It was generally welcomed for its recognition of hard financial realities, in contrast to a highly ambitious transitional plan in 1981 which fell flat on its face.

In the last 20 months Zimbabwe's economy has clawed itself out of serious doldrums, caused by a combination of the global recession and a three-year drought.

Gross domestic product at the end of 1984 stood at \$2,318 million, and rose by six per cent last year, but is expected to drop to a three per cent

increase this year. Economists expect it to run along at this rate for the next five years, despite the plan's optimism.

In 1984, the balance of payments recorded its first surplus - \$66 million - since 1976, and a higher surplus is expected when last year's figures become available.

Inflation sank to an officially estimated 10 per cent last year, the lowest since independence, largely as a result of government brakes on private and public sector price increases. A rate of 15 per cent is expected in the coming year, but it is still considerably lower than in any other country in the region.

Straitened times are around the corner, however, with the most serious threat arising from a possible shutdown of Zimbabwe's trade routes through South Africa. Even the most sanguine of commentators predict severe dislocation.

But even without the threat of South Africa's strangulation, economic indicators are cause for concern, at least in the short to medium-term.

The balance of payments - Continued on page 24.

Public opinion is already primed for sanctions, considerable sacrifice and the possibility of South African retaliation

finds apartheid. Trade has been maintained at a high level. On the other hand, it has had to counter destabilization moves by Pretoria, both on its own territory and against the important route through Mozambique to the sea at Beira.

The Renamo rebels fighting the Machel government in Maputo (with assistance from South Africa) have been so successful that Zimbabwean troops have had to be deployed along the road, railway and pipeline to protect them.

The real blackspot in Zimbabwean affairs derives from the difficulty of reaching a stable accommodation between the Africans who now rule the country, and specifically between the two main tribes, the Shona, who are 80 per cent of the population, and the Ndebele, who are 20 per cent.

Tensions between the two go back to the days before the arrival of the whites in the last century, when the Ndebele, related to the Zulus, were encroaching on Shona territory. They surfaced again in differences between the leaders of the African nationalist movement in the years before independence.

now almost wholly tribally based. Zanu representing the Shona, and Zapu the Ndebele.

At independence the two parties combined to form a government, headed by Mr Mugabe. But dissatisfaction among the minority Ndebele soon began to make itself felt, and gangs of "dissidents" were formed in Matabeleland. In 1982 Mr Nkomo was dismissed from the government after the discovery of arms caches on a farm near Bulawayo.

The dissidents are a mixed lot. Some have claimed allegiance to Zapu, a source of embarrassment to the party leadership, which has disowned them. Some were at one point receiving help from South Africa. Others are simply malcontents and criminals.

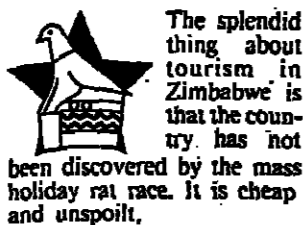
They were responsible, however, for a wave of atrocities in Matabeleland, including the killing of white farmers; this, in turn, led to particularly brutal repression by government forces throughout the region. Most notorious was the Fifth Brigade, trained by North Koreans, which was responsible for widespread maltreatment and killing of civilians, particu-

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The splendid thing about tourism in Zimbabwe is that the country has not been discovered by the mass holiday rat race. It is cheap and unspoilt.

The tourist business is anxious to avoid mass holiday packages and the ravages they impose on both the environment and on budgets. One hotelier at Victoria Falls, the best known of Zimbabwe's venues, says package-holiday tourists foul up the place, spend no money, and furtively pocket bacon and egg sandwiches at breakfast because lunch isn't paid for.

For the middle-income earner who wants a touch of adventure, Zimbabwe easily ranks as one of the most absorbing, comfortable, rip-off-free and varied visits in the world. It is unexploited because it has had guerrilla warfare of varying intensities for 12 years. Its attractions are unpublicised, it is far away, and costly to reach (about £20 from London). Zimbabwe's climate is gentle, sunny and almost devoid of extremes. The north, with the Zambezi river valley, provides, heading east, the Victoria Falls and a string of small



Wildlife teems in the national parks, and right, the rail routes vital for Zimbabwe's trade

Savage, stark and enthralling

infrequent. Residents here would quail at the thought of attending an English football match but have no reservations about a camping weekend south of Bulawayo.

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resorts on the river banks, and then Lake Kariba. Beyond, where the river becomes placid, there are more resorts, hotels and safari camps.

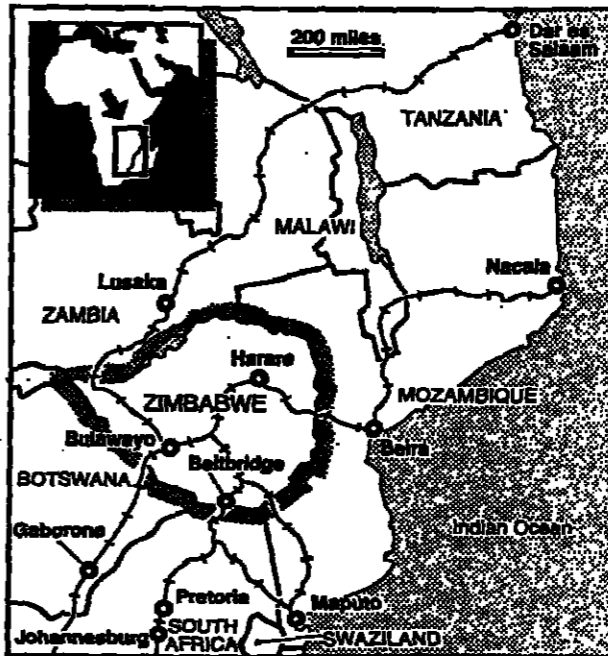
Along the way there is fishing, rafting, three-day canoe trips, white-water riding, biking, mineral bathing, and game watching in conditions unmatched in Africa.

The east has a hump of mountains dotted with game parks, hotels, lodges and resorts alongside highland trout streams and lakes in either conifer or indigenous vegetation, often swathed in mist of a distinctly Scottish type.

The south west, around Bulawayo, has game parks, mountains, lakes and rivers. It was recommended by no less than Cecil Rhodes, who chose

the area above all else in southern Africa as his last resting place.

Zimbabwe is savage, stark, bizarre, rugged and enthralling. Its accommodation is the opposite. A single room in a five-star hotel comes to about £30 per person, and scrupulous monitoring by hotel authorities ensures it is genuinely five star.



homey olde-world or efficiently modern, complete with crockery, cutlery, bedding, kitchen, bathroom, toilet, two bedrooms, lounge and beaming attendant of Royal Navy fastidiousness.

In 1984 the government created the national tourist development corporation, but it has not yet been able to get to grips with the country's large potential.

Economists loosely rank tourism fifth after the other major productive sectors as a cash earner. Statistics are unreliable, as, for instance, no distinction is made between day-trippers from Zambia crossing to buy cooking oil and fully-fledged, spending tourists.

Promotion has been left in the hands of the major hotel corporations. They are having a marketing drive in Australia, where, said one executive, the people have the money and have done Europe and America and want something else.

Zimbabwe's hotels could do with such visitors. National bed occupancy in the first four months of this year climbed 7 per cent from the previous year to 37 per cent. A 55 per cent occupancy rate is needed for the hotels to break even.

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The debt industry owes to sanctions

Cabinet ministers here have long acknowledged their debt to the declaration of UDI in 1965 by the Rhodesian government of Ian Smith.

The sudden closure of international markets after the United Nations introduced mandatory economic sanctions against Rhodesia stimulated a frenetic drive for import substitution to limit reliance on foreign goods.

This created a vigorous manufacturing industry that now includes the only integrated iron and steel works in black Africa, a competitive textile industry that can clothe the whole country and exports prolifically, and assembly plants turning out heavy vehicles far more suited to the local terrain than imported European trucks and buses.

Zimbabwe's factories and plants, concentrated in the capital, Harare, in Bulawayo in the west, Kwekwe in the midlands and Mutare on the eastern border, also turn out high-quality furniture, machinery, building materials, pharmaceuticals, wood and pulp, travel goods, footwear and printing.

The country's economy was first founded on mining, but the farms then became the biggest employers and created self-sufficiency in food.

The latest step has been the advance of the manufacturing industry into becoming the biggest contributor to gross national product (27 per cent), earning 55 per cent of export receipts.

It is calculated that manufacturing now saves the country £480 million each year in import substitution. Zimbabwe has gone beyond the "shallow" stage of producing consumer articles and has progressed to the design and production of equipment, intermediate goods, machine tools and processes.

In the 12 months to March

this year, manufacturing output grew by an impressive 8.8 per cent, with the textile industry running ahead of the rest with a 31.2 per cent increase in volume.

Foreign-currency shortage, a disability of the economy that has lasted for 20 years, is the most serious hindrance to manufacturing, which absorbs 44 per cent of all imports.

Economists argue that the severely outmoded and dilapidated equipment in most plants rules out a policy of capital spending on new ventures. Instead, the drive for bigger exports would far better be served by replacement of existing machinery, they say.

The publication of the five-year development plan pro-

Textile industry is growing fastest

vided some encouragement with its statement that government would implement economic measures in "tax policy, incomes and wages policies, prices, interest rates, customs duties and import allocations which are needed to stimulate investment".

Dr Chidzero, the Minister of Finance, indicated that an announcement would be made in his budget statement on July 31. Regrettably, he made none. Keen interest now centres on the plan's projection of attracting £80 million in foreign investment.

According to leading business sources here, it relates to the sorely felt absence in Zimbabwe of an inorganic chemicals industry.

The sources say that a large plant, possibly costing £200 million, is in the offing, with the name of the international financing corporation being suggested as a partner with the local state.

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Mining millions

For a sector that is largely controlled by foreign companies, Zimbabwe's mining industry enjoys a remarkably cosy relationship with the government.

The companies dominating the scene - Rio Tinto (gold, nickel), Lonrho (gold), Union Carbide (chrome), Anglo-American (nickel, coal) and Turner and Newall (asbestos) - have all received their share of accusations of raping and looting the resources of the Third World.

But after six years in independent Zimbabwe, the five still provide mining operations that bring in 35 per cent of the country's export earnings.

Mining captains declare their respect for the minister of mines, Richard Hove, their enthusiasm for the state-owned Minerals Marketing Corporation (MMC) which handles the selling of all ores, and a peaceable relationship with the Mining Development Corporation - the government's first entry into active mining, which made a £50,000 profit last year.

The formation of the MMC in 1983 created fear for the future of the industry as Robert Mugabe, the prime minister, spoke of the body as "Putting the resources of the nation into the hands of the people."

But since then the corporation has taken no more than 0.0875 per cent of the sale of minerals it negotiates on behalf of the companies and has effectively reduced worrisome stockpiles.

Zimbabwe ranks fourth in the world as a chrome ore producer (536,000 tons in 1983). But the value of its exports of beneficiated low-carbon ferrochrome (21 per cent of estimated world deposits) has dropped.

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Enough food to give away

The menace of drought and starvation in Africa shows little sign of relenting. But Zimbabwe has too much food. The success of the small nation's farmers has become one of the best-known aspects of its history since independence in 1980. Production of maize has more than doubled, with 1.7 million tonnes expected to be delivered this year to the grain marketing board, the sole legal buyer of farmers' produce.

By April, the biggest-ever maize stockpile of about two million tonnes will be in silos and stacked high in lots around the countryside.

Since independence, high-quality white Zimbabwean maize has fed the starving of Ethiopia, Mozambique, Angola, Zaire, Zambia, Botswana, Tanzania, Somalia and this year, ironically, South Africa. But the stockpile has reached unmanageable proportions.

Loans to finance crop purchases from farmers by the Agricultural Marketing Authority are now tying up £140 million of bank credit. Another £18 million in interest charges is straining the finances of the grain board.

With a national budget deficit of £420 million taking an extravagant bite out of local bank liquidity, it is hard to see how farmers, ranging from the owners of the vast



A land of plenty: The fruit and vegetable market in Harare irrigated estates of the commercial sector to the peasants with their tiny, dusty smallholdings, will be able to raise the necessary short-term finance for the coming season.

Economists predict slow future growth. The tobacco industry hopes that by the end of the year it will have harvested and cured 120,000 tonnes, and sold it on the new £4 million auction floor in Harare, which, covering 20 acres, is the largest in the world.

Last year tobacco growers, with not a cent of government assistance, earned £140 million, making them the biggest

single contributor to the foreign reserves.

At the same time, cotton farming has undergone a "white revolution" because the crop is suited to low rainfall and to the marginal soil areas that cover nearly 65 per cent of the country.

Cotton production has swelled by 40 per cent (250,000 tonnes last year) since independence, and is expected to contribute nearly £50 million in export earnings.

Zimbabwe's tea, coffee, sugar, timber and horticultural producers are small but efficient. But they have

had zero-growth world markets to contend with since July last year, wages were statutorily raised by more than 100 per cent, placing their combined export earnings of nearly £50 million and 20 000 jobs in jeopardy.

On the exports front, the beef industry is one of the few capable of dramatic expansion, as a result of the entry last year of Zimbabwe's high-quality beef on to the European Community market, with an initial quota of £20 million.

But successive droughts and low returns for cattle farmers have caused the size of the national herd on commercial farms to drop from a high of 2.7 million head in 1978 to 1.9 million in 1984. Only about a quarter of the quota tonnage was actually met.

The government has been able to move only marginally to resolve one of the country's most marked features, the disparity of land ownership between the country's peasants, overcrowded on abjectly underdeveloped land, and the wealthy commercial farmers, numbering about 3,500.

At independence, the government announced its intention to resettle 162,000 peasant families on land bought from white farmers in five years. But six years later, only 35,000 families have been granted 5.4 million acres of former white-owned land.

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Continued from page 22 largely positive because of savage import cuts - is expected to reverse its trend between now and 1988.

Between now and then, Zimbabwe will be reaching a peak in the repayment of short-term loans incurred in the easy early years of independence.

The worst restraint on development is the shortage of foreign exchange. By far the largest slice of foreign exchange outflows consists of debt repayments. Foreign debt at the end of 1985 stood at £731 million, and repayments over the next year are expected to rise by 157 per cent. The situation is worsened by the steady decline of the value of the Zimbabwe dollar by 50 per cent in the last three years.

Ironically, the declining

Hard budget plan

Zimbabwe dollar has been a boon to exporters, and provided them with a competitive price edge. But conversely, import costs have soared.

Exports, with the mining sector the most prolific provider, have nearly doubled since 1980, when earnings were about £370 million.

In real terms, on the other hand, export values stand much where they were at independence, and are lower in some commodities.

Sluggish international commodity prices will not allow a growth of more than five per cent a year in exports, according to predictions here.

The resultant restraints on imports mean that the mining industry and the manufacturing sector can forget about replacing worn-out and outdated equipment, let alone expansion.

Foreign aid and barter deals have, therefore, become an increasingly important part of the balance of payments.

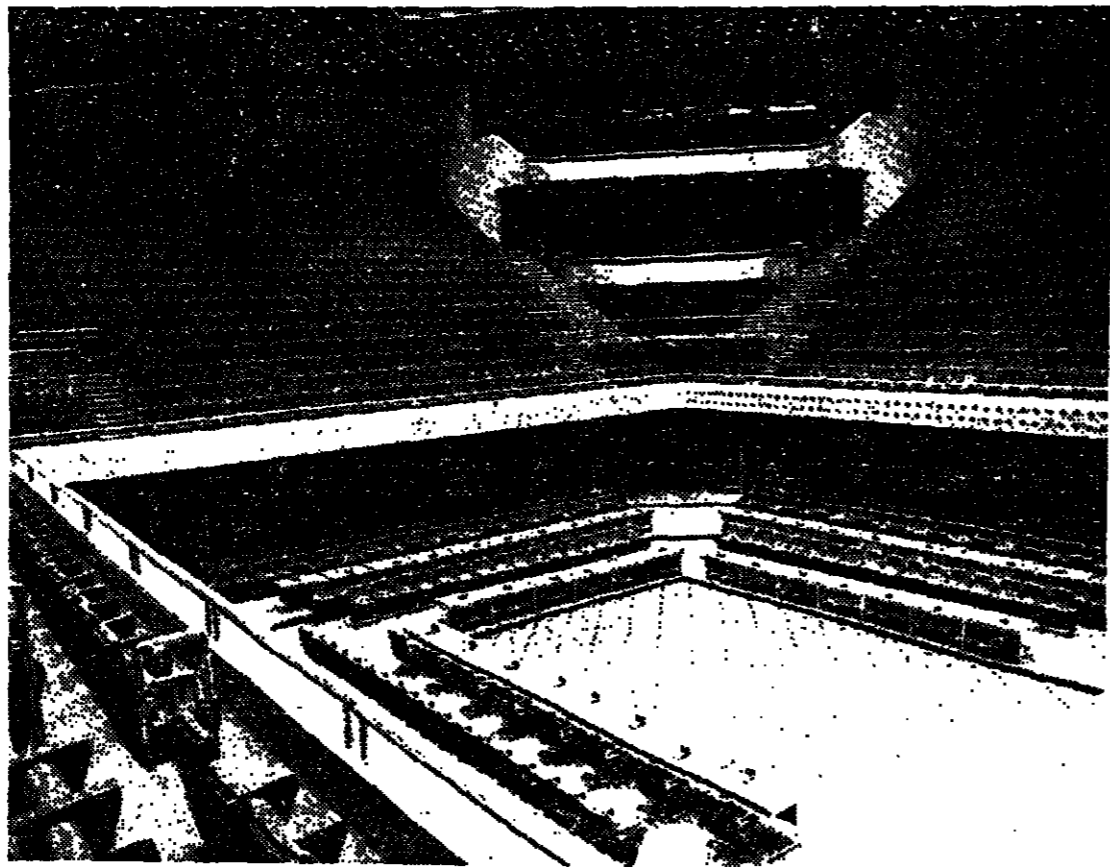
Dr Chidzero expects to receive £65 million in foreign aid over the next year, but this is unlikely to be realised - especially the contribution of the US, which was angered by an anti-American diatribe here in July at a diplomatic reception that led to a walkout by Mr Jimmy Carter, the former US president.

Bartering, with Third World and eastern bloc countries is projected to grow to the point where it accounts for 10 per cent of trade. But there is considerable dissatisfaction with the system, and economists estimate that the responsibility of the goods exchanged can serve as a 40 per cent surcharge.

Unemployment is increasingly seen as the economy's "time bomb". Mr Zdenick Silavecky, the group economist for the Standard Chartered Bank of Zimbabwe, has estimated that by 1990 one million of Zimbabwe's projected population of 10 million will be either out of work or under-employed, representing about 50 per cent of the total labour force.

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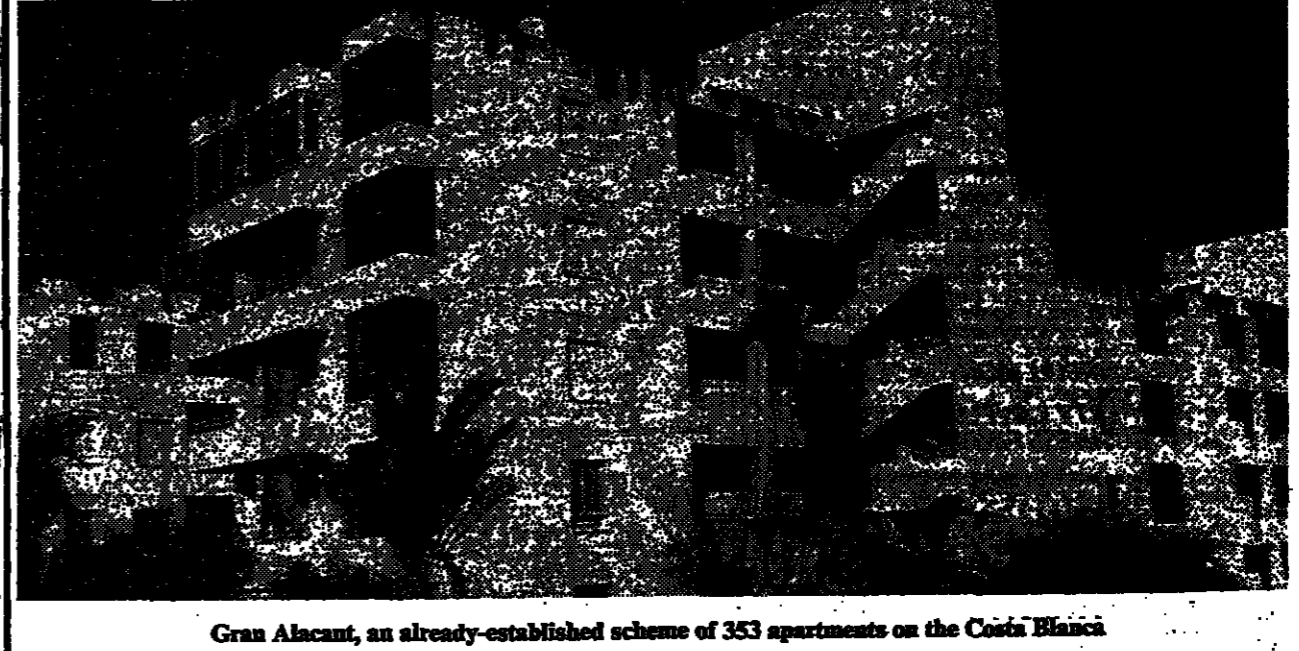
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And, once a residential community is established, it must form a residents association. Known as *comunidad de propietarios*, an official administrator has to be appointed, regular meetings held and a budget presented. Foreign owners who cannot attend are allocated a proxy vote. Proximity to an airport is also valuable. Two contrasting schemes, Gran Alacant on the Costa Blanca and El Puerto de Sotogrande at the western end of the Costa del Sol, owe much of their appeal to the above points. Gran Alacant is a big apartment complex of 353 one, two, three and four bedroom units, built in two V-shaped blocks on a cliff top six kilometres south of Alicante airport.

It has bars, a restaurant, supermarket and even a bakery. All the apartments have uninterrupted views of the Mediterranean and overlook the two swimming-pool areas set in mature gardens, which form the heart of the V's. The whole Gran Alacant estate, totalling 2,000 acres, is owned by Banco Exterior de España, which has seven UK branches. The London head office is at 60 London Wall, London EC2. Banco Exterior bought Gran Alacant in July 1983 after the development company collapsed.

The infrastructure and most of the apartments were already completed, so the bank's commitment has been to finish the interiors, complete the leisure facilities and market the scheme.

Prices range from £13,093 for one bedroom, £15,488 for two bedrooms, £18,209 for three bedrooms and between £28,721 and £32,209 for the four-bedroom units. About 120 apartments are for sale and ready for immediate occupation. The agents, Azure Developments, can arrange a full furnishing package from £1,500 upwards.

Further details are available from Patrick Whitaker, Azure Developments Ltd, 26 Church Road West, Farnborough, Hampshire GU14 6QG (0252 543177).

The 4,000-acre Sotogrande estate has been established for more than 20 years and Puerto Sotogrande, the beachside 400-unit apartment complex within the estate, for the past eight. Facilities include a beach club, sailing, windsurfing, golf and a variety of shops. Fernando Montojo, Puerto Sotogrande's managing director, has had plans to build a marina for years. When the border restrictions between Spain and Gibraltar were lifted, in February 1985, property prices almost doubled at Sotogrande because of the proximity of Gibraltar airport - 20 minutes away - and investment money began to pour into the marina project.

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Mr Montojo now has all the finance for his ambitious marina scheme. To be known as El Puerto de Sotogrande, work on the first phase of 750 apartments, some commercial units and 560 berths is well under way. Occupation is scheduled for next July.

The two low-rise apartment blocks face over the El Puerto de Sotogrande marina to the sea beyond. Prices for the two and three bedroom apartments range from £55,000 to £110,000. The berths, of which 40 per cent are sold, range from £6,000 to £18,000 for one capable of mooring a *Dynasty*-style yacht. The style and layout of the new marina has been strongly influenced by the 19th-century Mediterranean town-house style, blending with a Venetian theme with soft red-tiled roofs; long, narrow windows and 'differing' pastel coloured facades, all of which is in total contrast to the modern starkness of Fernando Montojo's original beach apartments which adjoin the marina.

El Puerto de Sotogrande can be contacted at 27 Hill Street, London W1X 8AS (01-493 1333) or through the main agents, Overseas Residential Properties (0240-29769); Fincasol Ltd (0272-26444); and Chestertons (01-937 7422).

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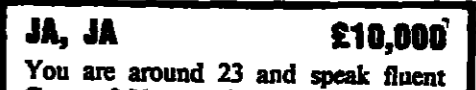
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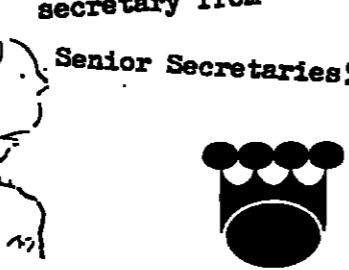
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FOOTBALL: SOUNESS AND DALGLISH RETURN TO THE FOLD AS A NEW ERA DAWNS FOR SCOTLAND

Roxburgh the brave begins in style

By Hugh Taylor
Scotland's hopes of correcting an appalling record in the European championships have brightened, thanks to the ability of Andy Roxburgh to persuade the country's two most influential players to resume their international careers.



Master craftsmen: Souness (left) and DalGLISH are the old hands to whom Scotland are looking for a brighter future

The names of Kenny Dalglish and Graeme Souness headed the list of priorities in a bulky notebook as the new man in command set out this week on the first stage of a back-breaking assignment which has defeated even the mastery talents of Stein, Ormond and Ferguson...

It is obvious that Roxburgh, who is regarded in the highest esteem throughout the world as a director of coaching, believes that the laying down of a style takes precedence and he believes that it will have to be modern and elegant, based on the French fashion so loved by Scottish enthusiasts.

Disappointment caused by the failure of what was regarded as a most brilliant array of forward power any British country could have assembled...

Rush charge looms after 'sending off'

Ian Rush looks certain to face a charge of bringing the game into disrepute after his Anfield outburst. The Liverpool forward was 'sent off' after the goalless Bank Holiday game against Manchester City and Kenny Dalglish...

Lee's fond farewell to Anfield

Sammy Lee ended his 10-year career with Liverpool when he joined Queen's Park Rangers for £200,000 yesterday after undergoing a medical at Loftus Road. Lee, a stocky midfielder player, won 14 caps for England during a glittering career at Anfield...

Spurs told 'we can win league glory'

David Pleat's belief that Tottenham Hotspur can mount a genuine championship challenge has sparked Clive Allen's early season goal rush. On the eve of the season's new manager urged his players to aim high...

CYCLING Americans ready to get on their bikes

For only the third time this century the world cycling championships are taking place in North America. Newark, New Jersey, in 1912 and Montreal, Canada, in 1974 were the previous locations but neither of those promotions can compare with the size and prestige of the championships that are being held in this sprawling, modern city at the foot of the Rocky Mountains...

SPEEDWAY Nielsen bars way for Gundersen to complete hat-trick

The world individual title could be decided as early as the weekend of the 100,000 in Katowice, Poland, on Saturday. If this sounds a pessimistic forecast of a rousing anticlimax, then look at the evidence. Most rational people accept that the title will again be fought out between Erik Gundersen, the holder for the past two years, and Hans Nielsen, his great Danish rival...

BASKETBALL League for non-giants begins flexing muscles

New York (Reuter) - The United States' newest professional league hopes to stand out by being shorter. The International Basketball Association for players 6ft 4in and under will begin next summer to avoid competition with the National Basketball Association, where giants over 7ft rule the courts...

BOXING European geography puts King in corner

Los Angeles (Reuter) - Don King, the promoter, was in full flow. "I present to you a man from The Netherlands... from Norway," he declared. He is a man who will emulate Ingemar Johansson, his Swedish compatriot and the former heavyweight champion. You say why Steffen Tangstad? I say why not Steffen Tangstad?

FOR THE RECORD

Table with multiple columns listing sports records, including Athletics, Baseball, Cycling, Golf, Rugby League, Squash Rackets, and Tennis.

TENNIS



Steffi Graf of West Germany, currently ranked No 3 in the world, accepting the Most Improved Player of the Year Award for 1986 from Bud Collins, the American writer and television presenter, in New York. US Open, page 30

GOLF US Open top of the tree

Lakeland, Florida (AP) - The United States Open is the most cherished prize in the world in men's golf. According to a pool of judges made up of players and journalists, the panel, Andy Bean and Bob Murphy, golfers, Ken Venturi, CBS television network golf analyst, and seven golf writers, were asked by the Lakeland Ledger what they felt were the most important golf tournaments in the world...

MONDAY'S LATE RESULTS

Table listing late sports results for various leagues including Football, Basketball, and Hockey.

ATHLETICS

PEKKA, Soviet Union: Federation championships. 100m: 11.8 (Soviet Union), 11.9 (USSR), 12.0 (USSR), 12.1 (USSR), 12.2 (USSR), 12.3 (USSR), 12.4 (USSR), 12.5 (USSR), 12.6 (USSR), 12.7 (USSR), 12.8 (USSR), 12.9 (USSR), 13.0 (USSR).

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICAN: American League. Oakland Athletics 5, Kansas City Royals 2. Chicago White Sox 6, California Angels 5. New York Yankees 7, Texas Rangers 4. Houston Astros 6, St. Louis Cardinals 2. Los Angeles Dodgers 3, Philadelphia Phillies 1.

CYCLING

SCOTLAND: Glasgow Grand Prix. 1st: Robert Stewart (Glasgow), 2nd: James Stewart (Glasgow), 3rd: James Stewart (Glasgow), 4th: James Stewart (Glasgow), 5th: James Stewart (Glasgow).

GOLF

LEADING MONEYWINNERS US PGA TOUR: 1. Tom Watson (USA), 2. Jack Nicklaus (USA), 3. Gary Player (RSA), 4. Lee Trevino (USA), 5. Fred Couples (USA).

FOOTBALL

First Division: Nottingham Forest 1, Charlton 0. Littlewoods Cup First round, first leg: Bristol Rovers 1, Reading 1 (45).

CRICKET

IRELAND: Students World Cup. Great Britain 4, Papua New Guinea 1. New Zealand 12, France 10. Australia 2, Sri Lanka 1. West Indies 1, Pakistan 1. India 1, Sri Lanka 1.

RUGBY LEAGUE

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SQUASH RACKETS

KARACHI: Pakistan Open. Second round: P. Ghossein (EGY) vs B. Ghossein (EGY), 4-1, 3-1, 3-1, 3-1. P. Ghossein (EGY) vs B. Ghossein (EGY), 4-1, 3-1, 3-1, 3-1.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

ULSTER CUP: Quarter-Final: Ulster v Down. VAUGHAN-OPPEL LEAGUE: AC Dulco vs Chesham v Egham; Collier Row v Newbury; Epsomford Utd v Northfleet; Peterhead Utd v Ting; Ruislip Manor v Tottenham.



Spinks: champion



Tangstad: challenger

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Gatting's reign blossoms under the falling rain

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

THE OVAL: The England drew with New Zealand.

The third Test match against New Zealand, sponsored by Cornhill, ended yesterday in frustration. Despite frequent attempts, some more whole-hearted than others, to get play started, only one over was bowled; in which New Zealand made seven for no wicket, after England had declared at their overnight score of 388 for five.

New Zealand are to be warmly congratulated, therefore, on winning a series in England for the first time, by virtue of their eight-wicket victory at Trent Bridge. Having taken the Texaco Trophy as well, the one-day curtain-raiser, they have had no less successful a tour than the Indians before them. If England had the better of this Test match, New Zealand came much closer to winning the first at Lord's.

In nearly 60 years New Zealand have beaten England four times. For years they were underdogs, at any rate when it came to playing England and Australia. Now they have won their last two series against them both. I like to think of John Reid and Bert Sutcliffe and Martin Donnelly and Mervyn Wallace and Jack Cowie and Richard Hadlee's father and lots of other pioneers joining together in mutual celebration of a golden age for New Zealand cricket.

Asked last night why he thought it was that they had "come good" Cowie said that perhaps it was because "we are proud of our sporting heritage". Of his side he said they were "not necessarily very pretty pairs but they do get the best out of themselves... I have a suspicion

that it may not be quite the same with all other countries." For myself, I have a suspicion he may be right.

Just over half the playing time was lost here at the Oval, a total of 15 hours 40 minutes. It is some years since a Test match in England was as badly interrupted as that. Had it been a fine morning yesterday we would have had the chance of seeing Botham chasing the fastest century in Test cricket in the same match as he became the leading wicket-taker in Test history.

As it was, no sooner had the field been got ready for a start around 12.30 than the rain came down, and that was just as it was all day. By lunch word came through that Gatting had declared, and all there had been when, at four o'clock, the match was abandoned, were two sessions of play, of three balls each. In these Botham bowled a couple of over when he struck six fours in seven balls; Cowie hit five fours which Wright hit for four and three... As predictable, anyway, as anything that Botham does can be.

It may not be a bad thing for

England to be approaching that of Australia without the euphoria that led to such unfulfilled hopes a year ago. After the Ashes had been retained at the Oval then, even the West Indians in West Indies seemed far game. In 10 Test matches since, only in the one just finished did England so much as gain a first-innings lead.

We shall go off to Australia this time under no such illusions. No great crowd massed in front of the Oval pavilion yesterday, to give the team a ticker-tape send-off as they did last August. On the other hand, no one could have asked for any better batting than by Gower, Gatting and Botham on Saturday and Monday. It was exactly what was needed to put the side in better fettle and to appeal to Australian cricket followers.

Gatting is finding his feet as captain. There have been times, I am sure, since he took over from Gower, when he has cursed his luck. Successful captains need effective bowlers (where would Hutton have been without Tyson and

Botham was hit for 25

Although Ian Botham's 24 runs off one over from Derek Stirling at the Oval on Monday equalled the Test record for one batsman, the greatest number of runs to come off an over in Test cricket remains 25 (Simon Wilde writes). At Johannesburg in 1953-54, two New Zealand batsmen hit Tayfield, of South Africa, for 25 runs in one eight-ball over (which were then still in use). Schnittke for three sixes and a single, and Blair for another six.

This total was equalled during a six-ball over from Botham at Port of Spain in 1980-81, when Roberts, the West Indies fast bowler, struck three sixes, a four and a two, in addition to there being one leg-bye.

Patil, of India, became the second batsman to score 24 runs off one over when he struck six fours in seven balls; Cowie hit five fours which Wright hit for four and three... As predictable, anyway, as anything that Botham does can be.

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Scoreboard

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings 287 (4 G Wright 119; G R Dillly 4 for 287)
 1st Innings 7
 2nd Innings 7
 3rd Innings 7
 4th Innings 7

BOWLING: Botham 1-0-7-0, Stirling 1-0-7-0, Gatting 1-0-7-0, Gower 1-0-7-0, Richards 1-0-7-0, Evans 1-0-7-0, Turner 1-0-7-0, Higgs 1-0-7-0, Stanger 1-0-7-0, B. Bird 1-0-7-0, R. Shepherd 1-0-7-0.

Handsome Wentz can win a traffic lane all to himself

ATHLETICS

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Stuttgart



Wentz carries the world on his shoulders against Thompson

With the leading East German, Uwe Freimuth, admiringly surprised that he was even selected, so poor is his form, that makes Wentz the principal opponent for Thompson. The British double Olympic champion and world record holder admits that Freimuth is the West German television star Sunday, but not before casting his imitable insults at the trio of local opponents.

The darkly handsome Wentz is undoubtedly a better sprinter than Freimuth. They are better fit for the arena than Thompson ever was with Higgs. And Wentz is trying a similar logic to the problem of beating Thompson that he brought to his journey to the stadium. "I am not going to make the same mistake as Higgs, and try to compete against Thompson in every event. There are some in which he is clearly better than me, and I am not going to overstretch myself in trying to beat him in those events. I will concentrate against himself, and that is what I do too."

Wentz has taken six months off his medical studies in Mainz to prepare for these virtual home-own championships - he was born in neighbouring Weichenbach and has made significant improvements in his long jump and hurdles. But his height gives the big advantage that he has over Thompson in the javelin, one of the second day events, and he has the edge in the shot put. In the 1500 metres, at which he is already better than Thompson.

"If I am within 200 points, better still, 150, of Thompson at the end of the first day, I've got a good chance of beating him". Unlikely as it seems, in the light of Thompson's amazing competitive record, Higgs does not think Thompson off his pedestal, the citizens of Stuttgart would probably grant him a traffic lane all of his own to speed along.

STUTTART RESULTS

Men
 100m (heat times in each heat qualify for semi-final; best times overall): Heat 1, 1. A. Wade (GB), 10.31sec; 2. R. Fisher (FR), 10.35; 3. G. Vass (FR), 10.42; 4. V. H. Vass (FR), 10.45; 5. G. Vass (FR), 10.47; 6. G. Vass (FR), 10.48; 7. G. Vass (FR), 10.50; 8. G. Vass (FR), 10.52; 9. G. Vass (FR), 10.55; 10. G. Vass (FR), 10.58; 11. G. Vass (FR), 11.02; 12. G. Vass (FR), 11.05; 13. G. Vass (FR), 11.08; 14. G. Vass (FR), 11.12; 15. G. Vass (FR), 11.15; 16. G. Vass (FR), 11.18; 17. G. Vass (FR), 11.22; 18. G. Vass (FR), 11.25; 19. G. Vass (FR), 11.28; 20. G. Vass (FR), 11.32; 21. G. Vass (FR), 11.35; 22. G. Vass (FR), 11.38; 23. G. Vass (FR), 11.42; 24. G. Vass (FR), 11.45; 25. G. Vass (FR), 11.48; 26. G. Vass (FR), 11.52; 27. G. Vass (FR), 11.55; 28. G. Vass (FR), 11.58; 29. G. Vass (FR), 12.02; 30. G. Vass (FR), 12.05; 31. G. Vass (FR), 12.08; 32. G. Vass (FR), 12.12; 33. G. Vass (FR), 12.15; 34. G. Vass (FR), 12.18; 35. G. Vass (FR), 12.22; 36. G. Vass (FR), 12.25; 37. G. 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SPORT

Christie and Wells set for a sprint to gold

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Stuttgart

Counting medals before they are hanging around the athletes' necks is an invidious exercise, inviting disaster.

Wells was first up, in a blue version of the shorts, or rather "longs," which have evoked reference to Wilson of the Wizard.

But Wells' performances, at an age when former Olympic sprint champions are gravitating towards walking sticks, is evoking comparison with a higher literary figure, the fellow with the portrait in the attic.

Wells, in the lane next to the one in which Alan Wells and Linford Christie were competing, was the victor.

Athletes face dope tests

Stuttgart (AP) - As at all major international sports events, strict doping controls will be conducted at the 14th European track and field championships which began here yesterday.

three of the fastest men on paper this year, Antoine Richard, of France, Christian Haas, of West Germany, and Vladimir Muravyev, of the Soviet Union.

Wells said afterwards: "To some extent that was a laying of the ghost of Los Angeles. But the real work begins in the semi-finals today. That was all part of my preparation."

Wells' wife and coach, Margaret, said she had predicted 10.9 seconds and was pleased to be so close to that time.

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live in Marseilles and was just getting back into the sprinting stride which has made him the European record holder with 10.00.

Britain's third sprinter, Mike McFarlane, third in the Commonwealth Games, had to work hard to get that position and just qualified in the fourth heat in 10.48 seconds.

But then Christie put everything into perspective in the final heat. He is 0.01 seconds behind Bryzgin on times this year, with the 10.04 with which he broke Wells's six-year-old United Kingdom record.

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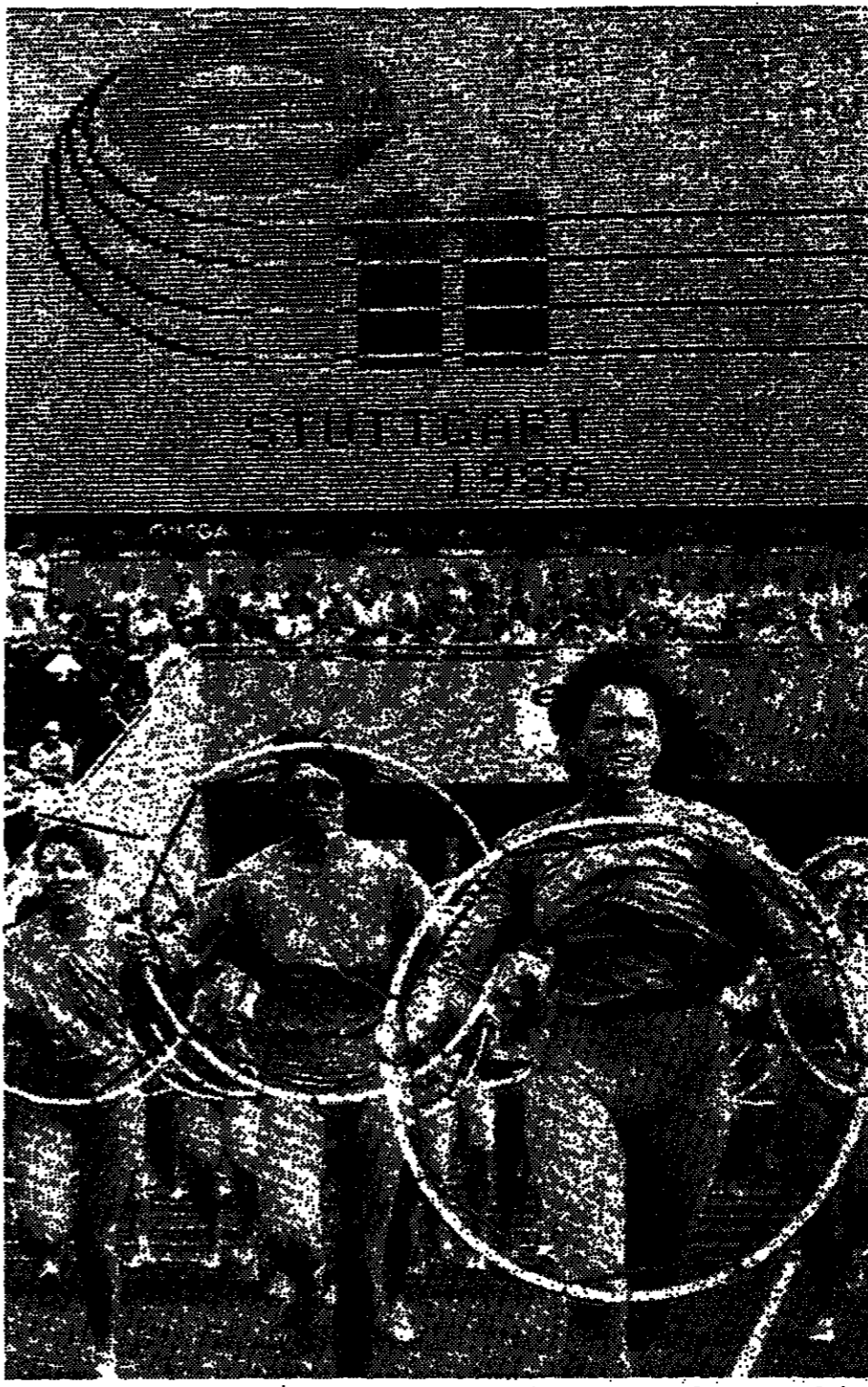
even with that pressure Christie was able to decelerate a few metres before the line, watching the Frenchman, and still win easily, and impressively.

The weather was changing markedly by the time the women sprinters got on the track. Going from dull to sunny during the low-key opening ceremony, attended by barely 30,000 people, half-filling the Neckar Stadium, it had become sultry for the men's races.

That was hardly surprising, in view of the competition from the eminent East Germans, who have made a point of concentrating on the under-developed world of women's athletics.

Heike Drechsler, another East German, who is favoured to win two gold medals, was leading qualifier in one of her world record events, the long jump, with 6.85 metres.

With Mark Holtom having withdrawn through injury, Britain's two remaining 400-metre hurdlers, Max Robertson and Phil Beattie, the Commonwealth champion, qualified for the semi-finals.



Party spirit: The celebrations begin as the curtain goes up on the 14th European athletics championships which began at the Neckar Stadium in Stuttgart, West Germany, yesterday.

Why the East has not gone West

DAVID MILLER

Stuttgart Some sports in some countries of the Eastern bloc live on a shoe-string. There is the pathetic story of the Polish cycling federation being obliged, like teenage pappers on the streets of Port Said, to allow their rivals to allow them to compete.

It will be interesting to see, in Seoul in two years' time, how much these nations who boycotted the Olympic Games in Los Angeles will have been set back by the removal of incentive and motivation for their competitors and coaches.

After the 1976 Games in Montreal all the medal winners and their families and coaches, and some of those who were exceptional in fourth or fifth place, were taken by pleasure liner for a two-week holiday in Cuba.

Face saving for Ewald in 1984 In 1984 Ewald explained to his competitors why - never mind what the West may think of his government's reason - they would not be going to LA: but the cruise was still on. The places would be determined by results in Spartakiads in Moscow and Prague.

CRICKET

No action against Richards for refusing a drugs test

By John Goodbody

Vivian Richards, the Somerset and West Indian batsman, has received no punishment for refusing to undergo a drugs test during the Britannic Assurance county championship game against Gloucestershire at Bristol on July 19.

The Test and County Cricket Board disciplinary committee, meeting at Lord's yesterday, accepted that the usual dope-testing practice since its introduction to cricket in 1985 had not been observed.

Donald Carr, the secretary of the TCCB, agreed that it was not in the TCCB's own regulations that a draw should be made with a member of the

Somerset team present. "But this has been the normal practice," he said. "Vivian knew this from a previous experience. He therefore thought it was only right and proper that players should see the draw being made and

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know who had been taken out of the hat for testing. The TCCB accepted Richards's assurance that he had nothing to hide and that he would be entirely happy to submit to a test at any time in the future. A statement said: "Richards strongly supported

the efforts being made by the cricketing authorities to control the use of drugs in the game and he also apologized to Somerset and to the TCCB for what he had done and for any embarrassment caused."

The regulations for dope tests are particular to each sport, although the Sports Council fund the testing and are responsible for the administration. A total of 64 cricketers have been tested this year.

"This is the first time that the practice has been queried," Mr Carr said. "It is inevitable experiment. We are likely to find ways of improvement and of amending the regulations."

SQUASH RACKETS

Jahangir gets a testing

From a Special Correspondent

Karachi It is more than five years since Jahangir Khan twice lost a game in one tournament. Yesterday it happened when Qamar Zaman produced at the age of 35 perhaps his best performance since his heyday as world number one. Jahangir eventually got home 9-6, 9-6, 4-9, 9-7 in 75 minutes of stroke-making.

Matches with Zaman tend to be like that. Matches with Jahangir this week have offered his opponents glimmers of hope, partly because of the ring rustiness that has developed since his last world grand prix tournament, the British Open in April.

Against that Jahangir hit more adventurously. But there are also mistakes and at 6-7 in the fourth game it seemed he might be taken the full distance for the first time since Hidayat Jahan managed it in 1982.

He will today be tested by Phil Kenyon, the British national champion, in the semi-final. Kenyon produced his second successive encouraging performance, and his second against an Australian. After beating Steve Bowditch, the world number 16 in straight games on Monday he beat Tristan Nancarrow, the rising world number 21, 9-2, 9-6, 9-7.

YACHTING

Tales of woe bring stout men flocking

By Barry Pickthall

It is rightly called: "The Ultimate Challenge." Simply 27,000 gnawing miles across the Atlantic, now in its hurricane season, onward through the Roaring Forties and Screaming Fifties to Cape Horn before turning up into the Atlantic once more for the final tactical leg back to Newport.

This is the BOC single-handed Round the World race, and the 25 solo sailors who gathered in Newport for the start on Saturday, know that the event is guaranteed to test them to the limits of their mental and physical ability.

In the first of these marathons four years ago, only 10 of the original 17 starters completed the course. No lives were lost, but two boats sank in the Southern Ocean, and another, the late Sir Francis Chichester's Gipsy Moth IV, was wrecked 250 miles short of Sydney, the second stopover port.

One yacht remained aground on the Falklands for a month after its New Zealand skipper had fallen asleep through exhaustion, and three other entrants discovered too late that their boats were unfit for the challenge. Only one admitted he had bitten off more than he could chew.

These tales of disaster and harrowing escapes, served not

to dissuade, but whet more appetites. When entries closed at the end of May, 36 sailors from 10 nations had paid \$2,500 entry fee. That number is now down to 25, but still a significant number.

Harry Mitchell, is the sole British challenger. He is a retired businessman from Portsmouth and has bought Yeoman XX, Robin Aisher's 1977 Admiral's Copper, renamed Double Cross.

Mitchell, 61, faces some awesome competition, not least from Jacques de Rooux, the former French sub-mariner who built up an astounding eight day lead over his Class II rivals during the first two stages of the last race before being pitched in the Southern Ocean midway between New Zealand and Cape Horn. Badly holed by broken rigging, his yacht Skovron III was kept afloat by four inches of air space below deck and de Rooux's continuous pumping for two days until rescued by Richard Broadhead, the British competitor who found him in a state of near collapse.

Leading the Class I line-up for yachts up to 60ft overall are three other Frenchmen. They are Guy Bernadin, former restaurateur, and Philippe Jeantou, winner last time round, and Jean Yves Terlain, the veteran. More yachting, page 32

MOTOR RACING

Learning from the wash-out

By John Blunsden

Birmingham City Council's efforts to bring on-the-streets motor racing to mainland Britain at the weekend may have ended in a wash-out, but this should not be allowed to jeopardize their intention to repeat the exercise for the next four years.

It was the cruellest misfortune that the August Bank Holiday meeting should have suffered such appalling weather and no amount of careful pre-planning could have prevented such driving conditions.

Street racing has obvious attractions, not the least of which is the opportunity for local inhabitants to watch motor sport on "their" roads, often without ever having to leave their homes. But it also brings particular problems. One is that the circuit can have little, if any, permanent installations, so that a mammoth building job is called for in the days preceding a race meeting and a rapid dismantling operation immediately afterwards.

Another drawback is that incessant heavy rain can cause drivers more severe visibility problems on circuits lined with barriers than on those with wide run-off areas; an accident on a street circuit is likely to end with the disabled car still on the circuit instead of beyond the edge of it, and consequently a hazard to drivers still racing, particularly so when visibility is so poor.

This was the situation - one car crashing into another, which had already been abandoned - which caused the Clerk of the Course quite rightly to halt the race on Monday. It would have been the same if the race had taken place at Monaco, where in fact heavy rain caused the 1984 race to be abandoned after 31 of the scheduled 78 laps. It should also be pointed out that freak weather conditions have from time to time, halted racing on Britain's conventional circuits.

The weekend's events also provided a number of ploys to offset the short-term financial cost. By general consent, the circuit engineering was first-class - it is no easy task to turn an urban area into a safe race circuit, and the construction team excelled themselves in their first-time effort. They made a few errors, of course, but they have already learnt from them.

In hindsight, the organizers were a little over-ambitious in the extent of their programme, much of which in the end had to be abandoned. Next year it would be wise to confine the racing to a main event and no more than two supporting races, plus perhaps a parade of classic cars.

Face saving for Ewald in 1984

In 1984 Ewald explained to his competitors why - never mind what the West may think of his government's reason - they would not be going to LA: but the cruise was still on. The places would be determined by results in Spartakiads in Moscow and Prague.

On this occasion the competitors were happy to accept the decision, though whether their morale would accept another boycott of Seoul is open to question; and that is why Klaus Kichler, the deputy Minister of Sport, assured me in Berlin two years ago that his country would be in South Korea in 1988.

The East German Olympic Committee having saved their face in 1984, the dedication of their competitors has remained constant, and there has been no hiccup in their level of performances, as the world swimming championships in Madrid have shown. It is likely to be the same in the forthcoming world cycling championships in Colorado and also here in Stuttgart.

In the 25 years since East German supremacy in cycling power they have shared the foreground, certainly in the European athletics championships, with the Soviet Union. These two, with some lesser assistance from their half-dozen Communist neighbours, have since 1962 won 102 of the 360 available medals on the track and 124 of the 240 in field events.

That is just for men. In women's events there has - does anyone need reminding? - been a massive domination that it has hardly been worth other countries while to turn up.

Sporting machines not so soulless

And now? As Marita Koch and Marlies Gehr begin, only fractionally, to fade they are replaced by Heike Drechsler and Silke Gladisch, both in their early twenties.

Valdemar Cherpinski, their marathon Olympic gold medalist, has been replaced by Michael Hellmann, who used to go running at the age of five in the village of Klein Mischow with his father, a jogging fanatic. Today, he leads the European ranking list.

Those who believe the East Germans are soulless sporting machines have a naive view. There is a fundamental individual enthusiasm among the rank and file no less intense than among, say, those British who get to the top.

This is repeatedly apparent in the rain in Berlin recently, effectively won the long jump with her first leap of 7.15 metres, yet continued with another five jumps over seven metres just for the hell of it. Do not let anyone suppose that the GDR might have lost their way just because they were absent in Los Angeles.

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EQUESTRIANISM

Boost for the best of British

By Jenny MacArthur

Today's Audi HIS National Hunter championship show, held on the Shropshire and West Midlands showground at Shrewsbury, is intended as a major promotion for the British-bred horse.

For the first time at Shrewsbury, all the hunter championships - Young Stock, Mares and Foals, Ridden and Working Hunters and Hunter Shooting - are being included in one show, made possible by the sponsors whose £10,000 prize money has helped lure many of the country's top hunter breeders and exhibitors.

There will also be an inter-hunt team relay competition in which eight teams are competing. Tomorrow, on the showground, the HIS hold their most important select sale of British-bred horses.

The most significant championship is the Audi HIS Working Hunter futurity final in which Wendy Dallimore with Mr and Mrs Andy Croft's Boley Hill, a six year old by Blaze, defend their title.

The championship was conceived with the idea of providing a nursery for future event horses. It is restricted to riders between the age of 17 and 25 and horses aged between four and eight but exceeding 15 hands. The hunters are judged partly on their confirmation but much more so on their performance over a course of natural fences, which includes a water jump.

Twenty-six horses have qualified for today's class in which Boley Hill, the winner at The Royal Show this year, looks to have a good chance of a second win.

Lendl snub to country

Ivan Lendl has refused to play for Czechoslovakia's Davis Cup team against Sweden on October 3-5, Jan Kodes, the non-playing captain said in Prague yesterday. "Lendl says he now has another programme," said Kodes. Lendl, the world's leading ranked player, has not played for his country since Czechoslovakia was white-washed by West Germany a year ago.

Irish session

Jack Charlton, the Republic of Ireland manager, opened a two-day training session with his new charges at Lilleshall today before his squad tackle Belgium, the World Cup semi-finalists in the European championship qualifying match in Brussels on September 10.

Win by Davis

Sieve Davis, the world snooker runner-up, has won the second Camus Chinese Masters in Shanghai, beating Terry Griffiths, of Wales 3-0 in the final. The tournament was beamed live on television throughout China and attended by 3,000 spectators.

Sharp students

The Great Britain amateurs gave a dazzling display yesterday in the Student World Cup in Auckland to beat Papua New Guinea 40-8 and record their first Rugby League international victory. Henry Sharp, the winger, scored three tries.

Hickstead off

The national schools show jumping championship at Hickstead tomorrow, has been cancelled because the course is waterlogged. Competitors from 120 schools and Pony Clubs were to have taken part.

Ibrox deal

Glasgow Rangers hope to bank almost £250,000 from their Scottish premier division clash with Celtic on Sunday after agreeing on a one-match sponsorship deal of £15,000 with Guinness. The Ibrox 44,000 sell-out crowd will pay £200,000, while BBC Scotland pay another £25,000 for televising the game live.

Graham task

Herol Graham, Britain's unbeaten European middle-weight champion, will meet Tony Harrison, from Oklahoma City, in a non-title bout at the Albert Hall on September 17. The bill also features Mark Kaylor against Lenny la Paglia, from Illinois.

Clubs protest

The three clubs most affected by the resignation of Fulham from the Rugby League have called an emergency meeting of all second division clubs. Carlisle, Doncaster and Workington Town are protesting against the revised fixture formula which means that they have to play two extra games, while the remaining 14 clubs, who should have played Fulham, receive four points and play two matches fewer.

